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## Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### World

Haiti govern ent: Caribbean leaders were expected to recognize Haiti's U.S.-backed interim government at an annual summit that started Sunday, despite lingering concerns over the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide

Several leaders in the region say it's time to move forward, now that they have persuaded the Organization of American States to investigate what Aristide calls his Feb. 29 "kidnapping" by the United States, a charge Washington flatly denies.

Haitian Foreign Minister Yvon Simeon said he was to meet with seven Caribbean prime ministers Saturday night as a step toward possible recognition by the Caribbean

Berlin disco bombing: Libyan envoys have delayed talks scheduled for this week on compensation claims over a 1986 Berlin disco bombing that killed three people and injured 229 others, a German lawyer involved in the negotiations said Sunday.

The latest talks, the sixth round so far. were due to start Monday in Berlin. But law yer Ulrich von Jeinsen said the Libyan side put them off on the grounds that "necessary coordination could not be completed in time," adding that a new date should be set in the next few days

The April 5, 1986, blast at the La Belle disco, a hangout for U.S. soldiers in then-West Berlin, killed two American servicemen and a Turkish woman

U.N. crash victims: U.N. and Sierra Leone authorities on Sunday saw home the bodies of 15 Pakistani and Bangladeshi peacekeepers killed in a fiery helicopter crash in the west African nation, laying wreaths and blue U.N. flags on their coffins.

The 14 Pakistanis and one Bangladeshi were among 24 people killed Tuesday when their helicopter crashed into a remote hillside in eastern Sierra Leone. The three Russian crew members of the chartered Mi-8 were among the dead.

U.N. officials say the crash remains under investigation. The fire that accompanied the crash slowed identification and the return home of the peacekeepers' bodies.

Chechen unrest: In a rare videotape ad-dress, Chechen rebel warlord Shamil Basayev vowed to continue the separatist fight but said insurgents would not strike outside of Russia.

Basayev, shown wearing a military-style cap over his shaved head and with his trademark long, black beard, said that rebels will not target any Russians outside of the country, even those responsible for "slaughtering" Chechens, Ekho Moskvy reported.

It was the first public appearance in two years by Basayev, who commands more authority than any other rebel leader, according to Ekho Moskvy.

The new pledge contradicted Basayev's warning in a letter on a Web site in March

that Russians outside of the country would be attacked to avenge the killing of Chechen rebel leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev in a car bombing in Oatar.

West Bank attacks: Palestinian militants carried out a string of attacks Sunday in the northern West Bank, including a morning



Iraq coalition: Japanese Army Sgt. Maj. Isao Ikeda, from Okaido, inspects automatic rifles of the Japanese Self Defense Forces at Camp Virginia, Kuwait, on Sunday. Eighty Japanese soldiers arrived in Kuwait to replace a contingent of logistic coordinators deployed in Samawa, Iraq, on a humanitarian mission. A total of 1,000 Japanese men and women from ground, navy and air forces are involved in a non-combat mission that faces strong opposition at home because of fear they would get caught up in fighting.

ambush that killed a Jewish settler

The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades militant group claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying they were in response to an Israeli raid last weekend that killed its leader.

Israel's Shin Bet security service chief Avi Dichter also warned the Cabinet on Sunday that Jewish militants are becoming increasingly extreme and may try to disrupt the planned evacuation of West Bank settlements, a government official said.

Tropical storm: Mudslides buried houses, and rescuers battled floodwaters to evacuate trapped villagers Sunday as tropical storm Mindulle swept over Taiwan and battered the Chinese coast. At least 53 people have been killed in the storm.

The storm pushed on toward South Korea, but torrential rains at its fringes continued Sunday in many of Taiwan's mountainous areas and doused parts of southeastern China

Koreas visit: North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has told a top Chinese leader he intends to visit South Korea at an "appropriate time," a former South Korean presidential aide was quoted as saying Sunday in news report.

The North Korean leader had agreed to visit the South after hosting former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung in Pyongyang for a historic inter-Korean summit in

But the trip has yet to happen. Since the summit, there has been the election of President Bush; the election of a new South Korean president, Roh Moo-hyun; and the eruption of an international standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

Indonesia election: In 1998, the fall of President Subarto opened the door to democracy in Indonesia, a chaotic process that

saw three presidents over the next six years. On Monday, that transition marks a milestone with the first direct election of a

The vote is a gargantuan undertaking in the world's largest Muslim nation, which has at least 155 million eligible voters spread across 13,000 islands and three time zones. Former President Carter is among hundreds of observers who will fan out to polling booths, many of which are makeshift contraptions made of tarpaulins and bamboo poles.

President Megawati Sukarnoputri — daughter of the country's founding father, Sukarno — is trailing in voter surveys to Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the former security minister who resigned from her Cabinet months ago to seek her job. Three other candidates are also running.

#### War on terrorism

Japanese troops in Iraq: Chanting "No War," about 1,000 people marched in Tokyo on Sunday to protest Japan's decision to keep its troops in Iraq as part of a military contingent with backing from the United Na-

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi has promised to contribute soldiers to a multinational force that will stay in Iraq following the U.S.-led coalition's handover of power to an interim Iraqi government last Monday. Critics say the decision violates Japan's pacifist constitution

Organizers led the peaceful gathering with chants of "Stop Koizumi" and "No War" as they marched through a busy Tokyo shopping district. They urged onlookers to cast their ballots against Koizumi's ruling bloc in July 11 parliamentary elec-

Photo and stories from wire services

## Messages of Support

This message is for CPL M. Silva: My dearest brother, I am extremely proud of you and all of your friends. You have shown that you are a truly brave and strong person and I have the greatest respect and love for you. Please know that I think of

night. You and your "marine family" are in my prayers and I know that you will come home to us soon and safely. Thank you for all you are doing to ensure that our world is a safe one! Please let your fellow marines know how supportive

you everyday and every

everyone is of all of you and how everyone is praying for your safe and speedy return. We are so grateful for the risks you are taking to provide safety to our country. Please remember that I love and miss you dearly and I know that you are doing a good job! Your big sister Andrea. :-)

# Militant group denies killing U.S. Marine

## Now unclear whether Hassoun alive or killed by different group

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - An Islamic extremist group denied in a statement posted on its Web site Sunday that it had killed a U.S. Marine taken hostage last month.

The denial by the Ansai al-Sunna Army left the fate of

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun unclear. The group said it had no connection to a statement in its name put out on other Web sites claiming Hassoun's slaying



the possibility that the Marine was killed by another group or that he was still

A Lebanese foreign ministry official in Beirut said Hassoun, a U.S. Marine of Lebanese heri-

tage, was believed to be dead. Lebanon's chief of mission in Baghdad "is trying to confirm the killing 100 percent, but it seems to be over," the official told The Associated Press. "We understand that he was slaughtered. God help him."

The U.S. military in Baghdad said it was checking into the report of the 24-year-old Hassoun's death but had no confirmation. On Sunday, the military said Hassoun's status remains "cap-

The Ansar al-Sunna Army issued Sunday's statement in response to reports by the Lebanese Foreign Ministry that the group killed Hassoun.

"The media have published, quoting the Lebanese foreign ministry, that the Ansar al-Sunna Army has killed the American hostage, from Lebanese origin, who was kidnapped in Iraq," the statement said.

"In order to maintain our credibility in all issues, we declare that this statement that was attributed to us has no basis of truth," the statement said

"We have an official Web site for publication; any statement that is not issued through our site doesn't represent us," it said.

The statement did not say whether Ansar al-Sunna Army is the group that snatched the 24-year-old Hassoun.

The claim that Hassoun was beheaded, posted on other Web sites Saturday, was issued in the name of "the Ansar al-Sunna Army in Qaim," a town near the Iraqi bor-der with Syria that has seen frequent clashes with militants.

The original claim of having kidnapped Hassoun - in a video aired last week on Al-Jazeera television, showing the blindfolded Marine with a sword brandished over his head - was issued in the name of "Islamic Response," the security wing of the "National Is-lamic Resistance — 1920 Revolu-tion Brigades," rather than the Ansar al-Sunna Army



eighbor Louis Garcia and his children, Mathew and Hannah, leave after delivering flowers to the home of relatives of U.S. Marine Col. Wassef Ali Hassoun on Saturday in West Jordan. Utah.

## Hopeful family awaits clearer news

BY PAUL FOY

The Associated Press

WEST JORDAN, Utah - Relatives of U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun awaited official word of his fate as a Lebanese news agency reported Sunday he been killed by his captors in Iraq, and then a Web site of the militant group alleged to have killed him denied the claim

The U.S. military in Baghdad said it was checking into the claim but had no confirmation.

"The denial gave us a big relief," Hassoun's brother, Sami, told The Associated Press by telephone from the northern city of Tripoli, where some of Hassoun's relatives live

Sami Hassoun acknowledged that the family was still worried about his brother's fate, with conflicting reports and no hard evidence, and was still reeling from reports of his beheading.

'We are hoping that good news will come later tonight that Wassef is alive, God willing," he said. He renewed his appeal to the kidnappers to release his

Capt. Amy Malugani, a Marine Corps spokeswoman assigned by the military to provide support for the Hassoun family, did not answer her phone early Sunday, Instead, a message instructed members of the media to contact Marine Corps Headquarters, where phones were not answered either Saturday or

On Saturday, Shuaib-Ud Din, the imam at Khadeeja mosque in nearby West Valley City, met with Hassoun's family members for about 15 minutes at their home, where the yard had been decorated in recent days by about two dozen flags put up by Boy Scouts.

## Iraqi troops foil car bombing outside headquarters

BY NADIA ABOU EL-MAGD The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Iraqi troops foiled an attempted car bombing Sunday outside their headquarters in a city northeast of Bagh-

dad after security forces shot dead a man who threatened to blow up his vehicle, officials said. Two bystanders were also killed. Iraqi officials in the city of Baqouba said Sunday morning that a man driving a car rigged with explosives tried to attack the National Guard building there.

The attacker got out of the car and the Iraqi troops opened fire, killing the man and setting off the explosives in the car, according to police chief Waleed al-Azawi.

Hospital officials reported that two bystanders were killed in the explosion Another car bombing targeted

a passing U.S. convoy west of Baghdad around 8:30 a.m. causing no injuries, said Maj. Phil Smith of the 1st Cavalry Division.

In Baghdad, an explosion shook the home of an Education Ministry employee, in another attack targeting officials working with interim government. Even low-level workers have been subjected to attack by insurgents



AP photos

A U.S armored truck passes next to a tanker blaze Sunday after an American-escorted gas tanker convoy was attacked by insurgents on the highway west of Baghdad. No one was injured in the attack

who see the employees as collaborators with U.S. forces.

On the road between Baghdad and the restive city of Fallujah, insurgents carrying rocket propelled grenades and machine guns ambushed about 20 American gasoline tankers, setting one on fire

There was no immediate word on casualties.

U.S. troops fanned out in the area, searching for the attackers. Despite its vast oil reserves. Iraq has a limited amount of refining canacity and needs to have gasoline imported from neighbor-

The violence Sunday was part of ongoing attacks that have plagued Iraq for more than 14

ing countries.



fense Corps, his face covered for fear of identification, questions a motorist Sunday at a checkpoint on the outskirts of Baghdad. months since the fall of Saddam

Hussein.

An Iraqi police official announced Sunday that U.S. and Iraqi forces have detained six members of a militant group suspected of carrying out a string of assassinations in the country's northern region. The men were reportedly members of Ansar al-Islam, a Kurdish group believed linked to al-Qaida, said Col. Sarhat Oader of the Iraqi po-

# 1st AD takes a giant step toward home

# Division cases its colors in Baghdad

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — For the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division, home has been a long time coming.

"It's Fourth of July — Independence Day," said Staff Sgt. Renaldo Valentin-Rivera of San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. "They chose a nice day for us to close out this deployment."

The division, based in Wiesbaden, Germany, was sent to Iraq in April 2003. After one year, the troops were about to go home but were told they would be staying for another three to four months. Some who had already returned to Germany were sent back to Iraq.

Sunday's casing of colors, a ceremony in which the division's flags are put away to signal its departure from the battlefield, was another step in the trip home. The colors will be uncased when the troops are back in Germany.

"You want the ceremony to have the pomp and circumstance of a military ceremony, something to be proud of, and you want it to be colorful," said Maj. Brian Williams of Sanford, N.C., and Headquarters Company, who helped organize the event.

"It's got to be respectful for the soldiers we lost. We're leaving the field of battle, and we're leaving with 137 soldiers who didn't go home alive.

"So everything we put into the ceremony has to honor them, has to honor all the work we've done, and has to honor the Iraqi people because we put so much effort

into the work."

Only a few hundred of the division's



TOS BY CHARLIE COON/Stars and

Spc. Daniel Hanks, right, of Bolingbrook, Ill., and the 501st Military Police Company, and Spc. Michael Kahly, of Chicago and the 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, hold their units' flags in the "parade rest" position on Sunday at Baghdad International Airport during the casing of colors for the 1st Armored Division.

20,000 soldiers were able to attend the ceremony, held outside a hangar at 1st AD's headquarters at Baghdad International Airport.

It included soldiers holding the unit flags of the brigades, battalions and companies within the 1st AD. Williams said the soldiers carrying their unit's colors have through the years been chosen because they were outstanding.

"The color-bearer has always been a

very special honor because they protect the colors with their lives," he said.

For Valentin-Rivera and other members of the 1st AD band, it was a day to start getting ready to go back to Germany.

"It feels great," said Spc. Daniel Lopez of Brownsville, Texas. "It was our last gig and we knew that once it was over, we can start packing up to go home."

Lopez, who plays the euphonium, said his wife, Vanessa, was waiting for him and



Soldiers from the 1st Armored Division encase the division's flags during Sunday's casing of colors ceremony.

that he couldn't wait to see his three children, ages 3, 2 and 1. Sgt. Stanmore Hinds, who plays trum-

get, standarde that the band and its various incarnations — marching, quartet, rock and Dixieland — had performed 600 times in Iraq, including at special events and memorial saytices.

morial services.
"This made it feel extra special because was it was finally our color casing," said Hinds, of Montgomery, Ala. "We've played for everybody else's."

The band members were among the 1st AD soldiers who already had returned to Germany in late March and were sent back to Iraq because of the extended deployment. They hoped this time their return would be final.

"Who knows, we might be back [in Iraq] in a week," Hinds said. "To tell the truth, that's how I really feel. I'm not going to believe it until a couple years have passed."

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ARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

Last month, Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Christian, 39, of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOURTEEN, grinds brackets to be used to attach armor to Humwees in al-Asad, Iraq. Seabee engineers have issued 160 contracts with Iraqi companies, but now will play only an advisory role in awarding contracts since the handover of sovereienty.

# Transfer of authority removes Seabee role in Iraq contracts

BY PATRICK PETERSON Knight Ridder Newspapers

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq—With the handover of authority, Iraqis will take over the Seabees' job of awarding contracts, funded by Iraqi oil money, to rebuild the province northwest of Baghdad.

In awarding \$100 million in contracts during the past two months, Seabees have demonstrated American contracting methods, selecting experienced Iraqi builders who gave the lowest bids. Seabees now will stand ready to assist the Iraqis in administering funds from the country's oil revenues.

"It remains to be seen whether they will use our process or start a new process," said Rear Adm. Charles R. Kubic, commander of the Navy's Seabees.

Seabee engineers have issued 160 contracts with Iraqi companies, with one as large as \$4 million. Competitive bidding was a new process to the Iraqis.

"Some of them were used to a system where they would be handed money for contracts, not having to bid," Kubic said.

Seabees received only a few bids for the first few jobs they advertised. The number of bidders,

however, increased until a recent road project received more than 104 bids.

"We began to learn of the tremendous capability here," Kubic said. "And it didn't take them long to understand how capitalism works." Tensions in Falluiah escalated

with the March 31 killing of four U.S. contractors and the cordoning off of the city by U.S. Marines.

The fighting delayed the Seabees' plans to begin contracting with Iraqis, but Kubic remained optimistic they could complete that mission before last week's handover of power.

"In less than 100 days, we put gether from scratch about \$100 million worth of work. The success of the design and contracting effort has been phenomenal," said Kubic, who added that some contracts were abandoned when Iraqis were threatened by insurgents.

"In some cases, the contractors who worked with us had to be very courageous. In some cases they've had to pull back and weren't able to work with us," Kubic said.

"There's a tremendous desire of the Iraqi professionals to get on with rebuilding their nation. They very much want to be apolitical." Of the 160 projects, Kubic be-

lieves the 16 schools, border patrol stations, sewage treatment plants and water purification plants will be the most important in winning citizens' support.

"That's going to touch everybody," Kubic said. "Saddam never put sewers in Falluiah."

Kubic also believes the construction apprenticeship program, off to a slow start due to the fighting, has the potential to create bonds between Iraqis and U.S. citizens. Young Iraqi workers have been invited to work with Seabees while building projects and at sites outside Fallujah.

"Of anything we're doing, this has the biggest potential for changing the outlook of the average Iraqi towards the average American," Kubic said.

Seabees perform similar humanitarian missions around the world, building schools and clin-

"Every time we move, every time we go to a site [in Iraq], we really have to live our 'We build. We fight' motto," Kubic said. "I think they're setting a new high watermark for Seabee performance under fire."

## Terror fears dampen Independence Day events at some bases

BY ADNAN MALIK

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain - Inside the guarded fortresses of U.S. bases, American military personnel celebrated Independence Day with barbecues and games, but terrorism fears deflated the party in some Arab countries where Americans said they preferred to keep a low profile.

The holiday comes on the heels

of a U.S. State Department warning terrorists may be planning at-tacks against Westerners in the Persian Gulf and an announce-ment that families of U.S. military personnel will be evacuated from

Inside the heavily fortified As Sayliyah U.S. military base in the tiny Gulf state of Qatar, hearty July 4 celebrating kicked off at dawn Wednesday among the more than 1,000 American service personnel, hundreds of them on short leaves from missions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The day opened with three-mile and six-mile races, followed by camel rides, games, a watermelon-eating contest and poolside barbecue, said Capt. Angie Blair.

But security could not be forgotten, she said.

"We are always cautious wherever troops are, and today was like any other day," said Blair, 27, of Roy, Utah, who was looking forward to receiving her trophy later in the day for winning the wom-en's three-mile race.

At Camp Victory, on the out-

skirts of Baghdad, July 4 celebrations began with a voluntary six-mile run at dawn. Soldiers attending Capt. Jim Combs' church service heard a sermon about independence.

At midmorning, the 1st Cavalry Division kicked off a 3-on-3 bas-ketball tournament. Cakes and pies were decorated in red, white and blue icing at the division mess hall

Inside the Navy's 5th fleet Gulf headquarters in Bahrain, service personnel and their families celebrated with a low-key barbecue with kids games Saturday.

But families of servicememers were preparing to evacuate following the Pentagon's decision to pull out relatives and nonessen-tial personnel. The U.S. Embassy called off a community party that was planned at a Manama hotel. the U.S. military's Camp

Arifjan in Kuwait, American soldiers were celebrating with pool parties and steak and lobster meals, said U.S. military spokes-man, Capt. Randall Baucom.

"Movies are very popular today," he said, adding that "The Patriot" and "Independence Day" were being shown "It's a quiet holiday for me -I'm not going to hang up any

flags," said Jack Smith, an information technology manager in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. 'Normally, I'd have a barbecue

at the house, but this year I want to keep a low profile ... Associated Press writers Anwar Faruqi in the United Arab Emirates, Chris

ilinson in Iraq and Diana Elias in



Capt. Don Frandsen, of the 766th Transportation Battalion, gets a face full during a watermelon-eating contest in Kuwait at Camp Arifian's Zone I Community Center on Saturday. The competition was the highlight of Morale, Welfare and Recreation's game night, which was part of its Fourth of July celebration. Frandsen finished in fourth place.

# **Go, Fourth! And celebrate**

# Forces in Kuwait mark an all-American holiday

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes CAMP ARIFJAN, Kuwait

U.S. troops here celebrated the Fourth of July with an array of games and competitions, including an all-American watermeleating contest.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation organizers scheduled card tournaments, video game playoffs, a 5-kilometer run, swimming See related stories competitions and bingo. But the highlight of the evening was the watermelon-eating contest.

Approximately 20 contestants were each given a quarter of a large watermelon, and the first to eat down to the rind was declared the winner. Hands were not allowed, so contestants had to dive face first into the juicy watermel ons, ignoring the mess

"You just had to get past the seeds," said champion eater Army Capt. Kelley Hissong of the 766th Transportation Battalion. "I swallowed most of them but once you got past them and down to the meat, it was all right."

Events started early Friday when more than 100 contestants crawled out of bed for the Independence Day 5K run throughout Zone I

Sgt. Mark Turner, 1107th Aviation Classification and Repair Depot, was the overall men's winner with a time of 16 minutes and 6 seconds, and 1st Lt. Susan Fisher, 602d Area Support Medical Company, topped the women's di-

on Page 13 vision at 21:07. The top three fin-

ishers from various age categories received medals, while the overall ton three men's and women's finishers walked away with Later in the day, a unit swim

meet was held at the camp pool. A total of five, four-member teams participated in a medley relay - backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and freestyle. Deuce team, made up Capt. John Zoll, Capt. Scott Dickerson, 2nd Lt. Rachael Mandell and Pfc. Christopher Dao, all members of the 602nd Area Support Medical Company, took first place. The top three teams received medals.

Prizes, including Super Soaker water guns, blankets and gift certificates, were given to the top finishers in Saturday night's games, which included competition in Playstation 2, spades, pool, Foosball, table tennis and dominoes.

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Sgt. Rick Weaver, of the 1450th Transportation Company, works on clearing the table during the championship pool match at the community center on Camp Arifjan. Weaver won the match.



We are so Proud of our Daddy! We love you. Emily and Cariann

Sgt. Comly- You are in our everyday thoughts and prayers. We miss you and love you always. Thank you for your dedication and willingness to fight for freedom. Stand strong, Fight hard, and come home soon. Love, The Schuberts from Puyallup, WA

Hello my Chubby Bubby. Your Mom said that I might be able to reach you here. I'm not sure how this works, but hopefully you get this. I miss you so much and I love you. I'm fasting for you today and you are always in my prayers. All my Love, B. Amburger

Dear Fellow Americans: Thank you for protecting our lives in America. Thank you for making America a safer place for all of us. Wishing you luck, success and victory!!! Sincerely, M. Raywood, New

You guys and gals are in out hearts and in our prayers. Keep you eyes on the prize and stay focused. We are with you all in spirit, Love, M. Beck - Ellicott City, MD



We're all thinking of you and thank you for protecting our country. CJ

HI BEBE- HOPE YOU ARE SAFE. I MISS YOU, I AM GOING TO SEND YOU A PACKAGE SOON, LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, MANDY. XOXO

THANK YOU IS NEVER GOING TO BE ENOUGH FOR THE BEGINNING YOU ARE CREATING. YOU ARE FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS. The Robert Sowards Family

We all support you 100%!! To my brother - keep up the great work!! We love you all!!

# Iran to file war complaint against Saddam

# 1980 invasion, use of chemical weapons cited

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Sunday it has prepared a criminal complaint against former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein for his 1980 invasion of Iran and for using chemical weapons against Iranians during the neighboring nations' eight-year war.

Tehran will file the documents with the Iraqi court where Saddam is standing trial, Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said.

He did not say precisely when the complaint would be lodged.

"One of the crimes Saddam committed was his invasion of Iran and starting the war, killing many Iranian citizens and using chemical weapons in Halabja [within Iraq] and other places [in Iran] during the war," Asefi told reporters.

Iran expects Saddam will face



A veiled Iranian woman walks past a revolutionary mural in Tehran, Iran, which includes images commemorating the war with Iraq, a conflict that lasted from 1980 to 1988.

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judgment in an open trial for war crimes. Asefi said.

"We have prepared the complaint and Iran will definitely file the complaint with the Iraqi court." he told a news conference.

"We will hand over our docu-

ments to the court.... We believe the court has to investigate Saddam's crimes transparently and

Iraq took legal custody of Saddam from the United States on Wednesday, and the former dictator's first court appearance Thursday dominated TV screens across the Middle East, where such images are unprecedented, and prompted many calls for his execution.

The broad charges formally outlined against Saddam included the 1988 chemical weapons massacre of Kurds in Halabja, Iraq, the slaughter of Shiites during a 1991 uprising in southern Iraq and the 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war apparently was not cited.

At this stage, however, Saddam was merely being informed of areas where he could face indictment and there is nothing to preclude Iraqi authorities from expanding or reducing the list of charges later on.

Asefi said Iran's top diplomat in Baghdad will ask Iraqi leaders why Saddam's 1980 invasion of Iran was not given the same weight as other crimes, such as the invasion of Kuwait a decade later.

"We have asked our charge d'affaires in Baghdad to seek explanation from the Iraqis on why the attack on Iran did not feature among the charges against him, even though the judge said the question would be addressed at a later date," Asefi said.

Saddam's defense team, which includes lawyers from Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia, Libya and Western countries such as the United States, Britain, France and Belgium, has accused the interim Iraqi government and the court trying Saddam of being "illegitimate because they were appointed by the occupation."

The trial of the 67-year-old Saddam stands to be a sensation, and Iranian leaders say it should depict the 30-year history of Saddam's iron-fisted rule, including U.S. support of him during the Iran-Iraq war.

Iraq's interim prime minister, Iyad Allawi, said last week the trial would be open, but earlier he suggested closing it to keep Saddam from broadcasting embarrassing tales about past links to foreign governments.

The U.S. government was among those to quietly support Saddam's Iraq in the war with

Thursday's session already was closed in good part, off-limits to the public and all but a few journalists

Saddam's voice also was suppressed on the videotape aired on Iraqi television and no official transcript has been released.

## Group says Iraq full of positive stories, too

BY RON WORD The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Sgt. Chris Beard suffered shrapnel wounds to his face, back and spine when a roadside bomb exploded next to his Humvee in Irao late last year.

But he joined a coalition of Americans and Iraqis on Wednesday as the group emphasized the improvements being made in the war-torn country.

The Iraq-America Freedom Alliance said it wanted to counter news reports focusing on attacks and kidnappings by insurgents.

"I just want to make sure we balance it," said Beard, a Florida Army National Guard soldier. "From my experience, they were thankful for us being there."

Since the fall of Šaddam Hussein, more than 3,000 Iraqi schools have been renovated, 9 million new math and science textbooks have been printed and improvements have been made to utilities and health care, said retired Maj. General Ronald O. Harrison, former adjutant general the National Guard in Florida.

"Our men and women who are making the sacrifices on behalf of our nation are not focusing on the negatives and the obstacles as they interact daily with the citi-



An Iraqi soldier carries a child from a home during a weapons raid in Baghdad on Saturday. U.S. troops assisted in the raid. A group says there are plenty of positive stories like this one going on in Iraq.

zens of Iraq," Harrison said. "Americans' helping hands are everywhere."

Of those fighting U.S. efforts, Beard said: "There are bad apples who want to spoil it for every-

The group is committed to fos-

tering good will between the United States and Iraq and winning the war on terrorism.

While its parent organization is headed by conservatives, including Jack Kemp, Steve Forbes and Jeanne Kirkpatrick, it lists both Republicans and Democrats on its board of advisers.

"We cannot afford to let the good news go untold," Harrison said

"It's not all chaos. Iraq is not burning in all areas."

## Turkey pulls observers out of north Iraq

BY ESRA AYGIN

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey is withdrawing the last of its military observers from northern Iraq, where they had been deployed since 1997 to oversee a cease-fire between two rival Kurdish factions, a government official said Sunday.

There is no reduction, however, in the several thousand Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq, who have been hunting Turkish Kurdish rebels in the mountains for years, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Turkish military observers were sent to northern Iraq to suwere sent to northern Iraq to supervise a British and U.S.-backed truce between the region's two main Kurdish factions, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdish Democratic Party. The two factions had been fighting for control of an autonomous region in northern Iraq since 1991.

The official said the withdrawal would take place in the coming days.

The observers "played an important role in bringing peace to the north of Iraq," he said. "Now, the mission of the [observers] is over," he said.

The areas controlled by the KDP and PUK have been largely peaceful in recent years. The observer mission was expected to be withdrawn shortly after the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

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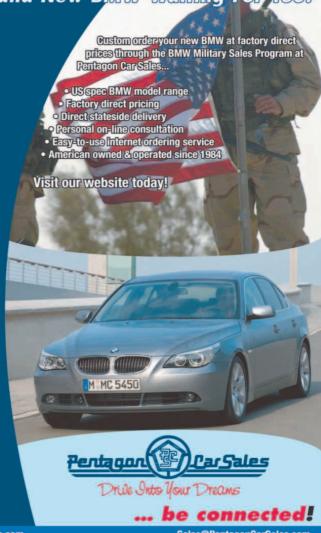
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# Military gas prices on the rise in Europe

# Increase running counter to drop in fuel prices in the United States

By WARD SANDERSON Stars and Stripes

Americans in Germany and Britain should consider buying gas coupons on Monday unless they're driving diesel

Despite drops in stateside fuel prices at the close of June, U.S. military gas prices in Germany and Britain will rise Tuesday, while diesel prices will drop by about 4 cents in both countries.

In Germany, gas prices will go up from between 4 to 7 cents per gallon, while in Britain, prices at the pump will rise more dramati-

Paradoxically, prices in the Netherlands will go down for all grades by as much as 19 cents. Prices in other countries where AAFES sells gas are unaffected.

A spokesman for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service said he was unaware of the reason for the disparities in the price an-

A news release from AAFES said that the service purposefully waited until the first week in July to adjust its monthly prices to better reflect the U.S. price drop. The AAFES prices typically fluctuate based on Energy Department national averages for the previous four weeks. In June's case, the recovery happened late in the month so the eychange waited an additional five days so the total average would be lower.

The final price charged by the exchange never falls below its cost, the service says. It can be much higher, according to past exchange statements and documents obtained by Stars and Stripes, because AAFES adds charges for operating costs, subsidies to keep the prices of other staple products in its stores lower

to cover payments to a Morale, Welfare and Recration fund. Prices for July are:

■ In Germany, \$2.14 for normal unleaded, from \$2.07; \$2.24 for super-unleaded, from \$2.20; \$1.88 for diesel, down from \$1.91. ■ In Britain, \$2.17 for super unleaded, up from \$2.08; \$2.26 for

unleaded. versus \$2.08; \$1.81 for diesel, from \$1.85. ■ In the Netherlands \$2.24 for super unleaded from \$2.28; \$2.33 for super-plus unleaded from \$2.52; and \$1.93 for diesel, from ment report issued last week, prices should continue to fall at the be-

"As we get further into July and especially in August, the situation is not as clear," it read.

Prices continued to drop slight. ly over the weekend. According the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge report, regular gasoline sold for an average of \$1.896 per gallon in the United States on Sunday, with Saturday's price being \$1.901.

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## Liaison bridges family and force

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stare and Strings

GIESSEN, Germany — It was a hot August night when some rooftop snipers took aim at a platoon of U.S. soldiers conducting a raid in central Baghdad.

As Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson recounted the shootout from his office in Giessen, a nearby fan hummed and vibrated, an unintended sound effect that enhanced the year-old war story. "Things got a little out of con-

Johnson said of that firetrol."

In the coming weeks, as members of the 1st Armored Division return to their home bases after more than a year in Iraq, many more stories will no doubt be told Some will make people laugh. Some will moisten eves.

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Rattalion FRG leader

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ty," 34-year-old Johnson said

Johnson isn't sure what the future holds for him, but there's a good chance he'll move on to a new job once the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment settles back into rightful

To set this story straight Johnson is not the battalion sto ryteller, though certainly could spin a

He's the family readiness liaison representative - a walking, talking bridge between families and the fighting force.

Before the war, a liaison like Johnson may have devoted a fraction of his duty day to family is sues, said Capt. Edmund Doody, the battalion rear detachment commander in Giessen. That isn't the case any more.

"It's arguably the most important job on the rear detachment staff," he said. "Taking care of the families is our main mission. The theory goes that spouses

with pressing issues on the home front will at some point vent their frustrations to their partners in fatigues, especially if there are major snafus. The soldier's focus could become split between here and there. And in a place like Iraq, keeping one's head in the game is half the battle

"It's very stressful when your husband is gone," said Gina Anderson, a family readiness group leader in Giessen. And sometimes the wives end up frustrated and angry.

That's where guys like Johnson

come in. Whether people refer to them as troubleshooters, facilitators or comforters, many Army units in

Europe now have a soldier or two in the rear dedicated to family issues. The significance of that role grows exponentially when a unit deploys for an

extended period. The liaison becomes an advocate for families. Johnson said.

"It's all about caring for people," he "The bottom line is, I enjoy seeing happy people

Johnson, it's more than that, said Anderson and Tina Rabena, the battalion FRG leader. He's married. He has kids. And he's been to Iraq. The guy is also incredi-

bly patient and about as calm as they come. "I've never seen him stressed out at all," Rabena said. "He just handles everything. He's been a huge blessing to the unit and the families."

In short Anderson and Rahena said. Johnson understands both sides of the coin. He also seems to relish the many challenges that come his way every day, though Johnson admits he misses being a howitzer section chief





Staff Sot Johnson is the family readiness liaison for

2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment in Giessen, Germany, Age: 34

Family: Wife, Susanne; son, Anthony Jr., 8; and daughter,

Hometown: Greenville, N.C.

Stars and Stripes

Since the battalion deployed 14 months ago, four of its soldiers have been killed in action, said 1st Lt. Tom Breslin, who works in the same headquarters office Johnson does. An additional 27 have landed on the casualty list, including Johnson, wounded when one of those aforementioned snipers shot clear

through his lower right forearm. Johnson said he recalls ushering an Army medic into a field ambulance before taking cover amid a buzz of bullets. His right arm then began to ache and his sleeve became soaked in blood.

"My family flashed before my eyes, because I didn't know if I would ever get a chance to see them again," Johnson said.

After he was evacuated to Germany, Johnson wanted to rejoin his unit in Iraq, but was told he couldn't because his arm needed time to heal. Besides, he was told, the battalion had the perfect desk job waiting for him.

"I felt kind of out of place being " Johnson said.

That didn't last long after the 250 spouses in the battalion got to know him. Since January, Johnson and two assistants have handled scores of problems. They also have organized several spe-cial events, from Easter parties to



Staff Sgt. Anthony Johnson, center, talks with Gina Anderson, left, a

family readiness group leader, and Tina Rabena, the FRG leader for the battalion. Johnson, the family readiness liaison for the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, is viewed by spouses in Giessen, Germany, as an indispensable bridge between families and the military.

Hawaiian luaus to barbecues. Johnson also gives the spouses

a clearer sense of life in Iraq is like. The loss of life and the way the Iraqis live day to day, he said, "make you appreciate life much

"We have a lot of soldiers." Johnson said of those killed in action, "who won't get that opportu-

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# **Program offers summer work to young adults**

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy - If the workers around the local Army base seem to be a little younger lately, it's because

they are — weeks or so. - at least for the next five More than 2,500 youths and young adults - from 14 to 23 years old - are

taking on a variety of tasks as part of the annual Summer Hire program. The young employees had a few weeks off between the end of school and the June 28 start date. They'll earn about \$1,200 each before getting a few more weeks off before school be-

"I had nothing better to do during the summer," said 14-year-old Jordan Michael Williams, who will be an eighth-grader at Vicenza in the fall. He's one of seven employed with the 22nd Area Support Group's Depart-ment of Public Works.

Armed with a weed trimmer, Jordan spent Thursday afternoon trying to eliminate errant green shoots from fences around the child development center. He said he likes getting out-

side and doing something.

"The pay's not bad, either," he said. Those are probably the two biggest factors for the young adults to sign up for the six-week program. The overwhelming majority of American teen-agers living in military communities around Europe don't have a driver's license or own cars. So it's not as easy to go hang out at the mall. There's also a scarcity of ways to make money for much of the year. Language and legal barriers make getting a job on the economy difficult. And besides bagging for tips at the local commissary or landing a gig with the Army and Air Force Ex-

change Service, there's not much on base, either

"It's very limit-ed," said Julie Chance, a human resource assistant with the Civilian Human Resource Agency in Vicenza. Throwing in competition from mili-

spouses

makes it especially hard. "We have a lot of spouses here that are 18 or 19 years old. And they're not limited by the hours they can work be-

cause of school." That's why military communities launched Summer Hire, Dan Vasquez, a human resource assistant with the Civilian Personnel Operations Center, is coordinating the Army's pro-

gram across Europe this year. He said about 2,550 young adults are employed at Army bases this sum-. More than 600 are working in the Heidelberg area, with Hanau not far behind in the numbers count. There are 78 in Vicenza and 16 in Livorno, which have much smaller populations.

"It's a huge workload [for organizers], but it's definitely worth it,"

adults supplement operations that are often operating at minimal manpower levels. As for the workers, "it's a good opportunity for them to earn some

money and gain valuable skills or job experience," Vasquez said. Participants work in three general areas: youth services, labor and clerical. Chance, who runs the program in Vicenza along with Maddy said clerical jobs are the most sought after. Those can involve filing, shredding, answering phone calls and computer work. The young workers tend to pick up the computer programs quickly. They are paid \$5.14 per hour, one cent less than the federal mini-

"Most of the supervisors I've talked to are very glad," Bailey said of the early results of this year's program.

of the participants are supervised. That way they can learn skills from mentors and make sure they're not trying to do tasks for which they're not qualified. For those assigned to the DPW crew, that means they can't drive the heavy equipment on base.

Because most of the public works crew at Vicenza is Italian, it also means learning some words in a new language Or maybe not

'No, I'm teaching them English, Jordan said, with a grin toward his Italian supervisor. "It's been four days and I think I've taught him a new word every day."

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Stanley Douglas, right, helps Courtney Cox sweep up dirt and debris. The two Vicenza teens are among more than 2,500 teens and young adults employed across Europe in the Summer Hire program.



## IN THE WORLD

# **Disputed protest ends peacefully**

Police block parade of hard-line Protestants in bitterly divided N. Ireland town

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

The Associated Press

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland — Police blocked about 2,000 Protestants from parading through the main Catholic district of this bitterly divided town Sunday, the seventh year in a row that the hard-line Orange Order bro

Orange leaders handed in a letter of protest to police commanders at a 10-foot-high steel wall blocking the road. They demanded to be allowed to march to the center of Portadown via Garvaghy Road, where Catholic hard-liners have mounted protests for the past decade.

But police commanders quietly said they were obliged to uphold a ruling from the British government-appointed Parades Commis-

Every year since 1998, the expert panel has said the Orange Order won't be allowed through until the group drops its decade-old ban on negotiations with Garvaghy Road protest leaders.

Portadown's deputy Orange



A British soldier helps direct a barrier into position below Drumcree Church in Portadown, Northern Ireland, on Saturday,

leader, David Burrows, told the crowd they were welcome to protest at police lines — but only peacefully.

Within minutes of that appeal, most of the crowd piled into cars and dispersed without trouble.

The dispute over the annual Orange parade through Portadown, an overwhelmingly Protestant town southwest of Belfast, began in 1995 when Garvaghy Road residents blocked the parade route.

The sectarian clash sent shockwayes across Northern Ireland.

Extremists on both sides watched to see whose rights would prevail—the marchers' or the residents' — with the losing side primed to riot.

In 1996, police initially blocked the parade but caved in after four nights of Protestant mayhem across Northern Ireland. In 1997, police stunned Garvaghy Road by flooding the area with troops before dawn, then forcing the Orange parade through in the afternoon, fueling intense Catholic

In 1998, police successfully blocked the Orangemen for the first time. The Orangemen stood their ground at the barricades for a week, then quit after three Catholic boys were killed in an arson attack in another mostly Protestant town, Ballymoney.

Since then, the protests have grown increasingly tepid amid acknowledgment that Orange chiefs no-negotiations policy was a failure. British army engineers have ensured that Orangemen could not outflank police lines by erecting coils of razor wire, diging and flooding trenches in cow

pastures beside the blocked road. Orange leaders have refused face-to-face talks with the Garvaghy Road protest leader, Presend and MacCionnaith, citing his conviction in connection with a 1974 Irish Republican Army bombing of the Royal British Legion building in Portadown.

### **Tension in Italy**

ROME — Tensions persisted in Premier Silvio Berlusconi's coalition Sunday, with one of the parties dangling the possibility it might pull out after a key minister was sacrificed to appease allies in a bid for the three-year-old conservative government's survival.

Giulio Tremonti, from Berlusconi's Forza Italia party, quit as economy minister Saturday after premier's main coalition partner, National Alliance, issued an ultimatum him or us — during a stormy meeting to plot the future of the conservative government.

Tremonti's departure apgered a smaller coalition partner, the Northern League, which raised the possibility it might exit the government. The League, a big booster of Tremonti, brought down Berlusconi's first government in 1994 when it yanked its support.

In an interview with the Northern League's newspaper, Umberto Bossi, the party's firebrand leader, lamented that Berlusconi had ceded to the ultimatum. Bossi is in Switzerland, where he is recovering from a stroke.

Tremonti had embarked on a plan of spending cuts to help Italy stay within deficit limits set by the European Union for participation in the euro currency.

From The Associated Press



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## Man says he shot dingo that killed baby in 1980

SYDNEY, Australia - One of Australia's most enduring mysteries, the fate of a baby killed by a dingo in the Outback 24 years ago, took another twist Sunday with a newspaper quoting an eld erly man as saying he retrieved the baby's body from the jaws of a wild dog he shot.

The stunning claim, by 78-year-old Frank Cole to the Sunday Herald Sun tabloid in the southern city of Melbourne, could not immediately be corroborated.

He told the newspaper he had photos of the night in August 1980 that Azaria Chamberlain went missing from a campsite near Ayers Rock, the giant Australian monolith also known by its Ab-original name Uluru, but said the photos did not include one of the baby's bloody body.

Police initially did not believe the claim of Azaria's mother. Lindy Chamberlain, that a wild

the infant and she was convicted of murder in 1982. She was freed on appeal in

1986 and formally cleared of the murder two years later after fresh evidence - an item of Azaria's clothing — backed up her version of events

However, the baby's body has never been found.

The saga was made into the 1988 movie "A Cry in the Dark," starring Meryl Streep and Sam

Cole told the newspaper he felt pretty lousy and guilty" when Chamberlain was convicted.

He said he had shot the dingo thinking it was a rabbit to provide food for a dog while on a camping trip with three friends. He did not report what had hap-

pened to police because shooting a dingo in the national park surrounding Ayers Rock could have earned him a fine.

Police told the newspaper they would investigate Cole's claims.

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tics of the country.



Helmut Fritsche, manager of German Cloister Brewery Neuzelle, smokes a pipe behind two bottles of his dark beers in his office in Neuzelle in June. Fritsche has a conflict with the food authority, because he makes beer in violation of the German beer purity law by adding sugar.

# Brewer vs. 'beerocracy'

## Small brewery takes on narrow German beer laws

By DAVID MCHUGH The Associated Press

NEUZELLE, Germany - Helmut Fritsche is Germany's beer outlaw

For the nast decade in his out-of-the-way red-brick brewery in sleepy Neuzelle, near the bor der with Poland. Fritsche has been unrepentantly committing what some in Germany's conservative beer culture consider an unspeakable crime: He's been adding sugar syrup to his brew a violation of Germany's five-century-old beer purity law, the Reinheitsgebot.

Now the law is after him for daring to label his brew "beer." But he's not going quietly.

It's time, he says, for Germa-ny's hidebound brewing traditions to loosen up. "It's infringing on the creativity

of small brewers," the 67-year-old said in an interview his office in the Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle.

"It's like taking a cup of tea, or coffee, and adding milk or sugar to it," Fritsche argued with emphatic hand gestures. "Some people drink it black, and some people take it white — it's a small dif-ference in taste."

Fritsche's battle with what he calls Germany's "beerocracy" goes back to 1993, shortly after he bought the formerly state-run brewery from the government agency disposing of the assets of communist East Germany after reunification in 1990. The brewery, which traces its origins to mo-nastic brewing in Neuzelle in the 16th century, had been making a dark beer with added sugar syrup - allowed under East Germany's

more permissive brewing laws. But Fritsche now faced reunified Germany's beer laws, which permit only malted grain, hops, veast and water.

The modern laws incorporate the original Reinheitsgebot, first set down in Bayaria in 1516. Adding anything else - such as fruit, corn or rice - to save money or tinker with a beer's color or taste. is verboten.

The law allows exceptions for special beers," however, so Fritsche applied to the local authorities in the state of Brandenburg, arguing he was continuing a regional brewing tradition. He

> 44 The law isl infringing on the creativity of small brewers.

**Helmut Fritsche** manager of a small brewery

was turned down repeatedly, and eventually took it to court. His suit is now before the country's administrative court but there's no word on when a decision might come

In the meantime, Fritsche finessed the labeling on his dark brown Schwarzer Abt, or Black Abbot, brew, which he calls a Schwarzbier -- a German term for a variety of low-alcohol dark

The original label didn't exact ly call it beer, reading "A Special-ty Made From Schwarzbier, With Invert Sugar Syrup Added Afterward

Last year he went a little farther — and changed the labels to read simply, "Schwarzbier."

That led to a cease-and-desist order last month from food safety officials in Beeskow, the local gov ernment center. The order, which deemed Fritsche's labels a " concrete danger for public safety, tells him to change them or face a

Fritsche notes mefully that if his brewery was located 3 miles east across the Oder River in Poland, he could throw anything in his kettles and label it however he wanted for consumption in Germany. That's thanks to a European Union decision forcing Germany to suspend its purity law for imports as part of free-trade provi-

While Fritsche says being able to use the word "beer" without ha-rassment would help market his product, he also concedes that media coverage of the dispute has helped his small operation stand out among the country's 1,200 breweries.

Still, the German Brewers' Association stands behind the purity provisions. Spokeswoman Birte Kleppien, while declining to comment specifically on Fritsche, said the law ensures a quality product and enjoys wide public support among drinkers.

The original Reinheitsgebot has been tinkered with through out history. The 1516 original allows only malted barley, hops and water. Yeast was allowed later, as was wheat, the raw ingredient for Germany's extremely popular wheat beers, and other grain types such as rve and spelt for some beer types.

Fritsche's brewmaster, Christian Pohl, points out that Schwarzer Abt is brewed according to the Reinheitsgebot until the very last step. The sugar syrup isn't a re-placement for the basic ingredients, but is added only after fermentation to balance the bitter-ness from the darker variety of barley malt the brewery uses to give the beer its unique taste. He described the flavor as "a little in the direction of coffee.

It's time to let people experi-ment with the beer itself, Pohl "If you don't offer people something new, this will contin-

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bal presentation. The logo consists of the name of the country in white lettering on a purple background, topped by a

Liechtenstein is known for little more than its novelty status as a wealthy tax haven and historical oddity. But now the tiny Alpine state wants to raise its internation-

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## IN THE STATES

# Alaska fires keep residents away from homes

BY RACHEL D'ORO

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Fire officials said the promise of light rain Sunday could slow the advance of a 280,000-acre fire in Alaska's spruce-and-tundra interior, but they warned it wouldn't be enough to allow hundreds of residents back into their home.

A week-old evacuation order remained in effect for 277 homes and 12 businesses threatened by the Boundary fire 30 miles north of Fairbanks. One home was damaged and the fire was 15 percent contained.

Alaska State Troopers were letting some homeowners through to retrieve possessions or check on property, said fire information spokeswoman Teresa McPherson.

"But troopers are discouraging people from staying," she said.

On Tuesday, Hundreds of people sought refuge in Fairbanks, Alaska's second-largest metropolitan area with about 82,000 residents, when the fire tripled in size.

Cooler weather Saturday helped slow down the Boundary fire and the 170,000-acre Wolf Creek fire to the east.

The Alaska Army National

Guard planned to send two Blackhawk helicopters to Fairbanks on Sunday and a third aircraft and crew was on standby at Fort Richardson in Anchorage. The helicopters are equipped with 900-gallon buckets that can drop water on fires and carry crews and equipment.

The Wolf Creek fire 50 miles northeast of Fairbanks had charred 174,000 acres in a popular recreation area. Several people living in the area had voluntarily left their homes. Fire managers discovered Saturday that the fire hursed five cabins Thursday.

There were 60 active fires in Alaska on Saturday; crews were fighting 10 of them and the others were being monitored. So far this year, 333 fires have burned near-the 1.7 million acres in the state.

Elsewhere, an observatory in Arizona was being threatened by a wildfire that grew to 1,800 acres on Saturday. The observatory is home to the \$120 million Large Binocular Telescope — one of the world's most powerful optical instruments, and two smaller telescopes.

The fire was burning less than a mile southeast of the \$200-plus million Mount Graham International Observatory, about 110 miles northeast of Tucson.



Jesse Bautista, right, and Samantha Frank work Saturday to put out hot spots from the Wolf Creek fire around a cabin near Chena Hot Springs, about 60 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska. Five recreational cabins have been reported to have burned from the fire, which has burned over 1,700 acres.

"If the wind pushes it, it could be there in two hours," said Pruett Small, operations section chief for the team fighting the fires. The blaze, which was caused by lightning, and another 3,500-acre fire nearby prompted the evacuation of the observatory

and 70 to 80 homes on the mountain Friday. No homes or cabins were imminently threatened, officials said.

## Philadelphia honors Karzai

City presents Liberty Medal to Afghan president; mayor says 'your fight is our fight'

> BY PATRICK WALTERS The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-backed leader of Afghanistan who took over after the Taliban regime was ousted in 2001, accepted the Philadelphia Liberty Medal on Sunday at a ceremony at Independence Hall. Karzai broke with the Taliban in 1995 and was

appointed to lead his country after the U.S.-led invasion aimed at evicting the Taliban and tracking down Osama bin Laden.

"The Afghanistan people have sacrificed terribly to obtain freedom. In the resistance against the Soviet occupation and the fight against terrorism and extremism, we lost nearly 2 million of our people," said Karzai, who thanked the American people for helping Afghanistan gain indepen-

"We have paid for it with our lives and we will defend it with our lives," Karzai said.

The medal's \$100,000 prize will go to support Afghan orphans, he said.

The award, first presented in 1989, is given each July 4 by the nonprofit, nonpolitical Philadelphia Foundation to recognize leadership in the pursuit of freedom. The selection of Karzai was announced in May.

Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street, before presenting the medal, said the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and other recent events have led Americans to understand the importance of promoting democracy worldwide.

"Your fight is our fight. Your people are our people. And your future is our future," Street told Karzai.

Karzai was elected president by a loya jirga, or grand council, in June 2002. He is expected to



Afghan President Hamid Karzai holds his Philadelphia Liberty Medal awarded to him Sunday at a ceremony at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. After receiving the medal, which recognizes leadership in the pursuit of freedom, Karzai said the Afghan people have sacrificed terribly to obtain freedom.

win a five-year term in the country's first Western-style elections this fall.

Previous Liberty Medal winners include Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall and Sandra Day O'Connor, Czech President Vaclav Havel, former President Carter and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

## Miss. official files suit against Vatican bank, charging racketeering

summer.

By Lynda Edwards The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The torching of financier Martin Frankel's S3 million mansion in Greenwich, Conn., was meant to destroy evidence of an insurance scam that cost Mississippi and other states millions, police said. But not everything went up in flames.

Firefighters searching the rubble found Frankel's pornographic videos, jewel-encrusted mobile phones, Ouija board and "Things to Do List." No. 1 was: "Launder more money NOW."

The financier, who initially fled to Europe, was extradited and pleaded guilty in 2002 in Mississippi to stealing \$208 million in five

But that did not end the case for Mississippi Insurance Commissioner George Dale.

While unraveling Frankel's web of trickery, Dale found a thread that led into the secretive halls of the Vatican. And he is determined to follow it, even though, as he says, "This step meant some soul searching."

In a lawsuit Dale filed, which is moving toward a jury trial in U.S. District Court in Jackson, he claims Vatican officials violated the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act. Damages, if Dale prevails, could be more than \$600 million.

A Vatican spokesman denies the

Roman Catholic church profited from business dealings with Frankel or accepted funds he stole. The church has filed a motion to dismiss the suit for lack of jurisdiction, and a ruling is expected this

Dale remains determined to pursue his suit against "The Holy See aka Vatican City State" and others. "The evidence of wrongdoing

my investigators accumulated was so clear," he said. "State officials are always slammed as paper pushers. But two federal agencies fumbled the ball with Frankel."

The Internal Revenue Service approved Frankel's taxes. The FBI had suspicions but made no moves. In the end, insurance commissioners brought this guy down."

The Vatican became involved with Frankel after he had been banned by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from doing deals with brokers and investment advisers. The 1992 ban forced Frankel on a quest for new partners with prestige and deep pock-

"We are not claiming that the Vatican profited," said attorney Charles Copeland, local counsel for the Mississippi Insurance Commission. "If a party should have reasonably been aware that those involved in a conspiracy were committing illegal acts in the party can be held responsible for the amount stolen," he explained.

# **Cornerstone opens WTC site construction**

BY AMY WESTFELDT The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A 20-ton slab of granite, inscribed to honor "the enduring spirit of freedom," was laid Sunday at the World Trade Center site as the cornerstone of the skyscraper that will replace the destroyed towers.

The ceremony marked the start of construction on the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower, designed as a twisting glass and steel tower that evokes the Statue of Liberty, including a 276-foot spire resembling her torch.

Gov. George E. Pataki said he chose July 4 to begin rebuilding to show that the terrorists who attacked New York on Sept. 11, 2001, didn't destroy America's faith in freedom.

"How badly our enemies underestimated the resiliency of this city and the resolve of these United States," Pataki said. "In less than three years, we have more than just plans on paper -



The inscription on the granite cornerstone placed Sunday to mark the start of construction on New York's Freedom Tower on the World Trade Center site honors the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

place here today the cornerstone, the foundation of a new tower." The cornerstone put in place

Sunday is garnet-flecked granite from the Adirondack Mountains. Garnet is the New York state gem-

It is inscribed: "To honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and as a tribute to the enduring spirit of freedom. - July Fourth, 2004." Among the several hundred

people at the ceremony were relatives of some of the people killed in the terrorist attack

"It's a new beginning," said John Foy, whose mother-in-law

was killed. "We all need to move on and rise above this." Completion of the Freedom

Tower is scheduled for 2009, and trade center leaseholder Larry Silverstein has plans to build four more towers between 2009 and

Also planned for the site are a

forms the twin towers' footprints into reflecting pools, and cultural space including several small the

The Freedom Tower is set to rise in a corner of the site that still holds the ruins of a parking garage. At 1,776 feet, a height meant to evoke the year of Ameri-ca's independence, it will be the tallest skyscraper in the world, or-

The current tallest building is the 1,676-foot-tall Taipei 101 in Taipei, Taiwan, which includes a mall, office space and an observatory. It was completed in October with the installation of a pinnacle

atop the 101-story building.

The Taipei building is about 165 feet taller than the world's former highest office building, the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The highest freestanding tower remains the CN Tower, a 1,815-foot communications structure and outlook point in Toronto. The 110-story World Trade Cen-

ter towers were 1,350 feet tall



Takeru Kobayashi, center, of Nagano, Japan, holds his hands up in victory Sunday after winning and breaking his record at Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating contest in New York.

## Japanese man still top dog at Nathan's eating competition

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - When it comes to eating hot dogs, "The Tsunami" may just be unstoppable.

For the fourth straight year, the rail-thin Takeru Kobayashi of Japan swept over his competition Sunday at Nathan's Famous hot dog eating competition at Conev Island, gulping down 53½ wien-ers in 12 minutes, and shattering his own world record by three dogs

The closest competitor was newcomer Nobuyuki Shirota, 25, of Tokyo, who made an impressive showing but was still left in his fellow countryman's dust with a mere 38.

Once again, the contest's coveted Mustard Yellow Belt will return to Japan, Since 1996, the Japanese have dominated the compeNew Jersey's Steve Keiner in 1999 — has captured the belt at the signature July 4 extravagan-

On Sunday, the 5-foot-7, 132-pound Kobayashi, of Nagano, Japan, employed his trademark method of snapping the dogs in half before swallowing them to destroy the 19 other contestants. He ate an average of one every 13 seconds in the nauseating-to-watch 12-minute display of gastronomic supremacy

In the shadow of Kobayashi's dominance 100-pound Sonva "The Black Widow" Thomas, 36, of Virginia, set two records of her own by eating 32 hot dogs more than any other American, and any other woman, in the contest's history. Thomas came to the United States from South Korea

## G.I. Joe may confirm icon status with Hall of Fame

BY MIKE BRANOM The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. Even at 40, G.I. Joe hasn't lost his trim fighting shape.

The small-statured wearing the stars and stripes is marking the anniversary of his debut, fittingly, on the same weekend the country he protects celebrates its birthday. Now fans of the iconic action figure want to give Joe a gift he'll never forget induction into the National Toy Hall of Fame.

The fact he isn't already a Hall of Famer, enshrined alongside the likes of Barbie, Raggedy Ann and Mr. Potato Head, prompted many attending the International G.I. Joe Collectors' Convention to silence their triumphant shouts of "Yo, Joe!" in favor of asking

"Why no Joe?"

"G.I. Joe has more name recognition than virtually any other toy in America," Brian Savage, director of the G.I. Joe Collectors' Club, said Friday. "There's a phrase in Ameri-Kung-fu cana: Where do you think that came from? G.I.

Joe's four de cade grip on pop culture, with 400

million figures sold, could be what gets him immortalized. After all, he's not just a soldier, sailor, airman and Marine, but a pioneer, too.

Marching before Joe were army men made of green plastic and the miniature lead soldiers



Brian Clarke of Kissimmee, Fla., sets up his collection of 150 G.I. Joe action figures at the 2004 Hasbro International G.I. Joe Collectors Convention in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Friday.

But in 1964, the toy company Hasbro sought something different. It wanted to market a doll to boys except the designers were told they would be fired if they ever uttered the dreaded D-word, according to Savage.

That's how Hashro mustered into service Joe, 11½ inches tall

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Director of the

when standing at attention with 21 moving parts. His name came from the 1945 World War II movie of G.I. "Story Joe 5 And Joe wasn't

a doll; he was the world's first "action figure.

"That makes him an interesting landmark American tov his-

tory," acknowledges Christopher Bensch, director of collections at the Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y., home to the Tov Hall of Fame

Following in Joe's bootsteps were the wildly popular Star Wars action figures, which led to almost every blockbuster movie developing toy tie-ins. Now action figures replicate everyone from presidents to porn stars. The G.I. Joe line has produced

in plastic Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George S Patton, Omar Bradley, John F Kennedy and Colin Powell. And entertaining those war heroes is Bob Hope. Bensch, who oversees the Hall

of Fame nomination process, notes that a toy must reach icon status to be worthy of induction and Joe meets that criterion.

'He's really reflected our culture at various points along the way," Bensch said. "He's been a purely military figure, he went through a period of leaving the military and being part of an adventure team, he's been 12 inches tall, he's been 3 inches tall to compete with the Star Wars figures.

The Hall of Fame will take nominations into September, and a panel of two dozen historians and educators will vote on the nominees with the two inductees announced Nov. 12.

Among Joe's competition are board games Clue and Candy Land, and the Easy-Bake oven. If his name isn't called, Hasbro still wins; those are all produced by the Pawtucket, R.I.-based company.

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# STARS STRIPES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Sports section 'disappointing'

I am writing to agree whole-heartedly with "More soccer news wanted" (July 2) I, however, would like to expand the complaint about the lack of Euro 2004 Soccer Championship coverage (which I tried to follow with local Italian newspapers) to lack of coverage for most sports in the United States and the world. It seems that unless the sporting event is held in the United States or, at a minimum, has Americans involved, the Stars and Stripes will not cover it.

Regarding a stateside sporting event, I wrote to the Stars and Stripes to make known my disgust for the lack of coverage for women's college basketball during March Madness. The men had plenty of coverage, as they did for the entire season. The only time the women got a small, not even decent article was when there was an upset. The sports section is extremely disappointing.

There are other sports out there, and I would hope that the Stars and Strines

would provide coverage. It seems to me that unless you are interested in what the Stars and Stripes covers, you have no reason to read the sports section. I wonder how the 2004 Olympics are

going to be covered.

Scaldaferro di Pozzoleone, Italy

## Don't exploit Reagan, unborn

In recapping Ronald Reagan's accomplishments, everyone noticeably neglected to mention the other hallmark of his presidency, that of his radical hard-line stand in defense of the unborn.

In foreign policy his was an unyielding conviction that communism was evil and would meet its end. Equally revolutionary was his conviction that abortion was evil, and that our great nation must bring an end to the killing of the unborn.

It was this, his staunch pro-life position which converted me — a former "bleeding heart liberal" who had stumped for Jimmy Carter in his first hid for the White House to a dved-in-the-wool Reaganite

I saw in him the greatness of Abraham Lincoln, the standard-bearer of the GOP As Lincoln had emerged as the Great Emancipator, proclaiming slaves were persons under the Constitution, so, too, was Reagan, proclaiming the personhood of the child-in-utero.

For that reason, it is disturbing and tragic that, in his name, legislation is being pushed by those with an agenda to continue to exploit the unborn.

How can anyone who understood Re-agan's deep belief in the sanctity of life use his Alzheimer's to legalize and promote fetal stem-cell research or organ harvesting for medical advancements, especially when scientists have discovered that adult stem cells serve the same purpose as effectively as do fetal stem cells Stem cells taken from cadavers are prov-

ing to have enormous potential benefits as

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And medical researchers are not even sure that stem cells have any use in the treatment of Alzheimer's in particular, but rather genetic engineering is a more likely area in which there will be found a cure.

Let us not exploit Reagan, who championed the unborn, in a campaign to further savage those he defended.

Deborah C. Arangno Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

#### 'Because I could'

A lot has been said lately about one man's use of these words as he was asked by his interviewer why he did what he did: "Because I could."

I wonder if we will lose sight of what these words could really say for us. Such

Dropping to our knees in a free country and saying a prayer for our troops fighting to keep that freedom secure, because I

Placing a dollar in a poor outstretched hand as I pass, because I can. Helping an elderly neighbor change the battery in his smoke detector, because

I can ■ Taking a meal to someone in need so

they don't have to put off eating for another day, because I can. Even adopting a family during the hol-

idays so they may enjoy a little bit of our peace and goodwill, because I can. It shouldn't be television reports of peo-

ple in line waiting to purchase a \$35 book by someone who was in the most powerful position we elect, seemingly as a reward for him, because he thought he could. Personally, I think I'll wait until his book hits the book shelves of our local

thrift store on sale for a buck, in about six months, because I can ... or not. Edward Sims

Watsonville, Calif.

### Safety course policy unfair

I understand the importance behind safety: however, is it fair to the soldiers of the 1st Armored Division to be punished again by not being allowed to drive their motorcycles when they return from Iraq because they haven't had the new re-

quired motorcycle safety course? These soldiers have been fighting for their country and have been in harm's way more than they would be riding a motorcy cle. When they return, they are being slapped in the face again and told, "Thanks for serving our country for 15 months, but you can't drive your motorcy-

cle until you attend a required safety course. Some people's only means of transportation are their motorcycles, so now they must walk because they were doing more important things than attending a safety course.

A lot of these soldiers have been riding for 20-plus years and have attended numerous motorcycle safety courses at many installations, but that doesn't matter.

Baumholder doesn't have the required safety course, so they must travel to Kaiserslautern to attend and oh veah if the course doesn't land on the fifth day of reintegration, and start after 9 a.m., then they must wait until they start their block leave to attend, if there is a spot available for them We sent instructors downrange to en-

sure that people who didn't have a U.S. Army Europe driver's license could have one when they returned, but we can't send someone down there to teach this course. It would be nice if, when these soldiers returned, they were given a grace period to attend the course after block leave.

My husband's bike has been in private storage for 15 months, and one of the things that has kept him going since the deployment was extended in April was knowing that he and I could jump on that bike and catch some air

Sorry, Honey, but I guess you will have to keep your bike in storage even longer, because you cannot bring your bike on post until you attend the motorcycle safety

Molly Coufal

Baumholder, Germany

### Did you mean 'no acting'?

I noticed an error in your July 1 article on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service pursuing prints of Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11."

The article claims: "It was the first time a nonfiction film opened at the top of the box office."

What do you mean by "nonfiction"? Surely some films based on historical events, such as "We Were Soldiers" and "Chariots of Fire," have opened at the top. And from all reports, Moore's film is much less based in the truth than these films and is probably only slightly more historically accurate than "This is Spinal Tap."

Did you mean to suggest that this is the first time a film with no acting opened at the top of the box office? If so, I need only remind you of "Charlie's Angels 2." 2nd Lt. Daniel Singleton

Baghdad

By GARRY TRUDEAU

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## OPINION

# Casualty count a precursor of ballot count

BY MICHAEL GOODWIN New York Daily News

raffickers in conventional wisdom look at the latest numbers from the election front and see big trouble for President Bush. About 60 percent of the country deems the war in Iraq a mistake, and only 42 percent approve of the job Bush is doing, says CES-New York Times poll.

Ignore those numbers. Come Election Day, the most important number will be 1,000. As in, have more than 1,000 U, have more than 1,000 Us troops died in Iraq? If the answer is yes, odds are good you'll be saying hello to President John Kerry.

If it stays under 1,000, bet Bush gets four more years.

With the total now at about 860, the countdown to November has become a bloody numbers game. At the current rate of mayhem, Bush will be a private

No, my bet on 1,000 is not scientific, any more than are the over-under numbers bookies slap on sports events. It's purely symbolic, a simplistic round-number snapshot of how things

are going over there.

But just as gamblers know that the over-under bet separates winners from losers, Bush and Kerry are stuck with the polities of body bags

The more there are, the better for Kerry. As the numbers have climbed, so, too, has the number of Americans who are against the war — and against Bush.

The race is now a dead heat, according to all the polls. And one clear way for the White House to pull off a victory is to have fewer dead troops making headlines down the campaign stretch.

Too cynical? Perhaps.

But how else to explain giving Iraq back to Iraqis in a ceremony that had to be secret to be safe? And having U.S. forces play mostly defense instead of hunting down the thugs with Intima down the thugs with Tailban-like Islamic state? The body-bag scorecard explains everything you need to know sobted the safe that will determine the next president.

Tellingly, the Defense Department is not as helpful as some private and media tallies. (The best Web site is icasulaties.org;

CNN is also good.) Tracking American fatalities has already explained one fact: While a lot of people think Bush is one of the dumbest presidents we've ever had, nobody calls him stupid.

With good reason, because a stupid man would have stayed the disastrous course he was pursuing in Iraq earlier this year. Instead, Bush has quietly changed American policy so much that it's hard to remember what that policy was a mere four months ago.

The body bags tell the story. In February, American deaths were at 20, the lowest of any

were at 20, the lowest of any month in the war and fewer than half of January's. But they shot up to 52 in March, then exploded to 135 in the carnage of April.

With the number approaching 80 by late May, Bush gave a prime-time speech that signaled a change of tone and tactics. Many commentators derided it as nothing new, but soon American commanders started playing it safer, and the numbers of dead started falling.

About 45 GIs have died in June, a pace that would push the number over 1,000 by November. To stay under 1,000, the four-month average from July

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needs to be closer to 30.

Even if Bush can pull that off, it's probably too late to persuade Americans that the war was a good idea. But minimizing our losses will keep the story off the front page.

And that will allow Bush to the job he

change the debate to another number, one more to his advantage — jobs. More than 1.4 million have been added since August, a boom that, if it keeps going, would erase all the losses since 2001.

Only then could Bush count on the job he cares about most.

## Social benefits are inherent to existence of draft

BY NOEL KOCH

s a speechwriter for President Nixon. I wrote the legislative message proposing an end to the military draft. The president sought to end the Vietnam War in a way that would advance what he regularly called 'a full generation of peace." In the early 70s, the campuses of the nation's universities were in similar peril. The draft was a target of anit-war protests. The president peach of the property of the property of the property of the property of the president peach of the president peach of the president peach of the president peach of the pea

The subject has surfaced since Vietnam but never, until now, with much force. In fact, there are few good arguments against the draft and a surfeit of good ones for restoring it. The most obvious is that we do not have enough men and women in our armed forces. Reliance on reserves and the National Guard is creating strains along the socioeconomic spectrum and is not an endlessly sustainable expedient.

If we are to fight elective wars, as we are told we must, we need more men and women on active duty.

But there are other good reasons to return to the draft. I joined the Army in 1957. Members of my family had served in very conflict since the Civil War, and service was expected, as was getting a job, getting married and having a family. We were lower middle class and uneducated. I eth high school without a diploma. Colley aspired. It never occurred to us that we could go.

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The draft shattered class distinctions. It mixed high school dropouts with college graduates, rich with middle class and poor. To be sure, the draftees weren't happy to be in the Army, and they were even less happy to be rubbing shoulders with those of us who volunterend. There was friction from basic training through advanced training and, with lessening

heat, into assignment to our permanent duty stations. Name-calling was a regular feature of our lives: We were "lifers," "losers" "GTRRs" (GI rat hastards)

We had our own names for the draftees. But the educated learned to value those without college degrees, and the uneducated, helped by the GI Bill, discovered that higher learning might be within reach after all.

This homogenizing process didn't end with education. It extended to the broadening of cultural horizons. I learned to appreciate Bach and Handel listening to the records of a draftee friend. He enjoyed my rendition of "The Duke of Earl" down the center of our hooch near Tan Son Nhut Air

Class lines blurred and so did racial lines. The military did more to advance the cause of equality in the United States than any other law, institution or movement. Not for nothing did "Bro" come into common usage in the Vietnam era: "Who sheds his blood with me shall be my broth-

The draft furthered the work begun during the Civil War. It advanced the business
of making us one people. The draftees may
not have liked being pulled away from the
careers that awaited them and being
thrown in with people they probably
wouldn't have associated with otherwise,
but over the two-year span of their service, there were sea changes. The disaffected became the committed, became
leaders who demanded the best of others
and especially of themselves. They saluted
with a snap indistinguishable from any
other.

When they took their discharges and went home, they had an investment in America not shared by those who did not serve. Try to find a draftee who regrets his service to America. After a time they were not "draftees" at all; they were American soldiers — part of the fabric of the nation, committed to its values and their preservation.

The resurrection of the draft, so vitally necessary to restore the depth of ready manpower we need in our force structure, is self-justifying despite the arguments of a succession of defense secretaries who feel obliged to defend our "volunteer military" with technical arguments that mask political squeamishness.

But the nation also needs a draft because it is one proven mechanism to bring unity to our rapidly separating parts. It needs a draft to provide that common civic grammar that encompasses those who have served and their families and friends. It needs a draft to honor, and to even out, the sacrifices we call upon our youne to make for our nation.

young to make or our hauton. Finally, America needs this fund of experience to expand the pool of people likely to reach the corridors of power and, when they get there, to bring with them a bone-deep appreciation of the true costs of conflict. Thus might we reduce the risks of conflict. Thus might we reduce the risks of counsel from those who have never had to learn the difference between a war and a cakewalk.

Noel Koch was special assistant to President Nixon from 1971 to 1974. He was assistant secretary of defense and director for special planning at the Defense Department from 1981 to 1986. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## **Mallard Fillmore**



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#### Seeking counsel

MA BOSTON — Lawyers who represent poor clients told the state's highest court they need higher pay to help end what they described as a crisis that's leaving defendants waiting in jail for weeks without representation. The justices questioned whether the court should get involved but also grilled Assistant Attorney General Ron Kehoe about how to solve the problem.

#### Spidev-wannabe impaled

INVERNESS, Fla. — A 5-year-old boy impersonating Spider-Man crashed into a large statue of an elephant at his grandmother's home, impaling himself on a tusk.

Hunter Helton was recovering at home from the wound to his left hip. He was airlifted to Tampa Gen-Hospital after emergency workers became concerned the ivory tusk might have hit a bone or an artery.

Hunter had was playing at his

grandmother's home, imitating some of the Spider-Man's moves. But as he jumped around the den with his siblings and a cousin,

the boy lost his balance and fell into a filing cabinet and then hit the heavy mahogany elephant his grandmother had purchased in Africa. Half the elephant's large ivory tusk broke off and got stuck in his body.

Doctors told the boy's mother that Hunter was lucky the injuries weren't more serious

#### City snubs smoking

KS LAWRENCE — A new ordi-nance bans smoking nearly everywhere in Lawrence excent private homes, smoke shops, some hotel rooms and open-air patios Mayor Mike Rundle said most residents want the ban, but the Kansas Licensed Beverage Association promises to fight it. Other opponents are circulating a petition for a citywide vote.

#### Pared-down potties

CA SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — The City Council decided that \$658,000 for toilets was too much. The council's revised plans for a new downtown public restroom comes without a fancy promenade roof and stairs, a savings of up to \$85,000. The debate centered on how to provide restrooms for locals and tourists without them becoming a central attraction for homeless people

### **Getting ready already**

DC WASHINGTON — Summer vacation has barely started but city officials are encouraging families to think about immunizations.

About 5 600 students need their shots updated before school starts in the fall. Public school officials are working with city health officials to promote immunizations. Children's Hospital is distributing backpacks and school supplies to children who come for well-child visits before July 15

## Tax-free shopping days

GA ATLANTA — From July 29 through Aug 1, Georgia shoppers will be able to buy cloth-



ing, school supplies and computers without paying sales tax. The tax holiday exempts up to \$20 per school supply purchased, including dictionaries, notebooks, calculators and other classroom items. It covers clothing and shoes up to \$100 an item and computers up to

ROUNDUP

#### Mission accomplished

MO ST. LOUIS — A turn-around firm closed the books on its yearlong, pro-test-laced quest to restore the St. Louis school district's financial footing. It said the system was tens of millions of dollars leaner because of "tough love" moves including school closures and job cuts. Critics said the firm soured the public because it seemed to make decisions in a vacuum.

#### **Tainted mail**

KS EDWARDSVILLE, Kan. — A couple has been accused of trying to kill the mayor of a Kansas City suburb and her husband with poisoned soda and cupcakes sent through the mail.

Donna Ozuna-Trout, 47, and Ralph Trout, 57, were charged Thursday with attempted first-degree murder.

They're accused of mailing poisoned food to the home of their neighbors, Mayor Stephanie Eick-



## Following footsteps

A keelboat which is the flagship of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles makes its way up the Missouri River south of Atchison Kan. The re-enactors are retracing the route of the Lewis and Clark expedition to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the journey to explore the West.

hoff and James Eickhoff, a lieutenant in the Wyandotte Coun-ty Sheriff's Office. The state has evidence linking Trout and Ozuna-Trout to the package, which contained a 2-liter bottle of soda and

cupcakes spiked with chemicals including lye and anti-freeze, prosecutor Nick Toma-

Defense attorney Kevin Baldwin said he believes the evidence against his clients is circumstantial and won't be enough for a conviction.

#### Governor gets his way

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Ernie Fletcher can run state government under his own spending plan since the Legislature failed to pass a budget, a judge ruled. The state can operate based on the last budget the Legis-lature passed, but Fletcher can't undertake projects or programs not previously authorized by lawmakers. The Legislature adiourned without passing a budget for the next fiscal year.

## Vegas monorail a go

NV LAS VEGAS — The city's monorail is back on track for a scheduled July 15 opening after nearly six months of costly de

The \$650 million project was scheduled to launch Jan. 20. A drive shaft problem and software glitches pushed back the starting

The monorail will run behind the hotels that line the Las Vegas

#### Lvnx making comeback

CO DENVER — The number of kittens born to Colorado lynx this year has been confirmed at 30, an encouraging sign in the effort to restore the cat to part of its historic Western range.

So far, biologists know of 46 kittens born to lynx trapped in Canada and released in the southwest corner of the state since 1999

The program's goal is a self-sustaining population of the long-haired, tuft-eared cats that disappeared from Colorado by the 1970s because of trapping, poisoning and development.

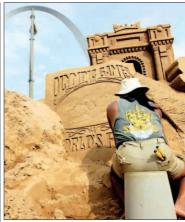
This is just well beyond what many people expected just two years ago," Division of Wildlife spokesman Todd Malmsbury said.

#### Crash kills five

NM WAGON MOUND — A man driving on a revoked license lost control of his truck and flipped it Saturday, killing five people, including the wife and son of a soldier serving in Iraq, police said.

The driver, Mario A. Truiillo 47. was the only survivor of the wreck, officials said. Trujillo was driving on a revoked license, State Police Lt. Pat Werick said. Police said he had at least three prior drunken-driving convictio

The victims, all from Wagon Mound, were identified as Esther Romero, 30; her son, Matthew, 7; and Erminio Cruz, 45. Also killed were Toby Martinez and Billy Moree. Romero and her son were the wife and son of a National Guard sergeant serving in Iraq with the 720th Transportation Company, Guard spokeswoman Maj. Kim Lalley said.



Alan Matsumoto helps to carve out a 75-ton A 'Fair' entry sand sculpture with a 1904 theme at Fair St.



Lazy summer days front porch

Michael Pace of Missoula, Mont., relaxes in a hammock on his hon



Creative mowing

Mark Coneland move his dad's vard in Sidney, Ohio. The hill poses a challenge, but with two ropes tied to the mower Mark makes it a breeze.



Shadow puppets

A boy is seen silhouetted alongside a woman from the inside of a hot air balloon during the annual Balloon Glow in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



A waddle through the park Apair of mallard ducks walk through Waterfront
Park as clouds overtake the sky in Charleston, S.C.



Gone to the dogs
Kristen Cathey, 21 months, from
Loveland, Ohio, keeps cool in
water set up for the dogs to drink
at the Symmes Township (Ohio)
Park. The park hosted a Dog
Parade to celebrate the new dog
run and walking trail at the park.



Reliving history ments in Gettysburg, Pa.

Smoke fills the air as Union and Confederate re-enactors face off in the Battle of East Cemetery Hill during the 141st Gettysburg Anniversary Battle Re-enact-

#### A surprising salad

MA HANSON — Dorinda McCann is hopping mad over a toad she found in her salad.

McCann, 34, found the two-inch long toad in a takeout salad bought at a McDonald's in Hanson on June 16.

Both the restaurant's owner and the town health department are investigating, but McCann said she just recently heard from the owner, and she is still awaiting word from the health department.

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Town health agent Vincent Flaherty said he is waiting to learn the origin of the toad.

Meanwhile, McCann, her husband, Thomas, and their two daughters, once regular Mc-Donald's customers, have stopped going to the restaurant.

### Some people never learn

VERSAILLES — Convicted bank robber Gordon A. Bryant might have had a better shot at his last hold-up attempt if he'd shown his face.

The 70-year-old put a stocking over his head before he tried to enter the Farmer's State Bank of Versailles, police said.

The bank had installed a system to buzz in customers after a holdup in February. Suspicious employees refused to unlock the door because

the man was wearing the stocking. Bryant was turned over to the FBI and charged with attempted bank robbery, special agent Nathan Williams said.

The sheriff said Bryant had served prison time for bank robbery and ought to be more competent by now.

"He's 70 years old; you would hope he would have learned by now," Brown County Sheriff Jerry Kennf said.

#### Big baby pleads guilty

MORRISTOWN — A man accused of job hunting at day care centers while clad in a soiled diaper and pink stretch pants will avoid jail time.
Authorities say William Rhode

Autorities ay winian know III, 53, unsuccessfully tried to get work at five different centers in four area communities on Feb. 12. He was arrested later that day and had been housed since then in the county jail's psychiatric unit. Rhode had been indicted on

Rhode had been indicted on seven counts of child endangerment. The county grand jury said his behavior constituted sexual conduct and that children at all five centers saw him.

Rhode was freed after pleading guilty to a disorderly persons charge. He was sentenced to five years probation and must undergo a psychiatric evaluation and receive any recommended counseling. He also must stay away from children

### Chronic hiccups cured

NEW ORLEANS — It took more than holding his breath or a scare to cure Shane Shafer of his biccups.

After seven months of constant, bark-like hiccups, a first-of-its-kind operation has returned normal life to the 50-year-old Texas man.

Shafer's speech is now a hoarse whisper — a side effect of the nerve stimulator implanted in Shafer's chest, one generally used to treat epilepsy.

But for the first time since November, he can eat, sleep and talk without a bark-like hiccup every three to four seconds.

In about 4 percent of patients, the device itself can cause hiccups. That wasn't really a worry, Lori Shafer said: "Nothing could have made them worse."

### Police officer sentenced

DOVER — A former University of New Hampshire police officer has been sentenced to at least 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to molesting

young boys.

Carl Sonne, 63, pleaded guilty to
15 molestation and pornography
charges involving nine boys under
the age of 13. The boys were under
his care at his Rochester home.
He was sentenced to 20-to-40

years in prison.

#### 7 defrauded hanks

PENSACOLA— Seven people pleaded guilty to creating and cashing counterfeit checks that defrauded 12 banks of nearly \$10 million.

The defendants entered their pleas before U.S. District Judge Robert Vinson. Each faces up to 60 years in prison and fines totaling \$2 million.

The defendants, operating in 22 states, cashed their phony checks using fake identification, said U.S. Attorney Gregory Miller.

Sentencing was set on different days beginning Aug. 11 and lasting through October. Miller said the investigation was continuing and more indictments were expected.

#### Celebrating the chicken

RI LITTLE COMPTON — It's a celebration fit for a chicken.

The Little Compton Historical Society elected this year to recognize 150 years of the Rhode Island Red. a breed of chicken first

developed here.

The society was calling its annual family day Farm Day this year because it includes a tribute to the chicken and to local agriculture.

The Red, now the official state bird, got its start when William Tripp bought a red cock off a whaling ship and bred it with his dung hill fowl.

The Little Compton celebration included the production of a CD of chicken-themed songs.

### No more predictions

AL SIAPOUT — Beulah Farmer, 75, is selling her Twin Pines Grocery. It was the site of a straw poll that drew political strategists and journalists trying to predict who was going to be the next governor or even president. Voters in the rural voting district were known for an uncanny ability to predict the outcome of elections.

## Closing center's doors

MD CROWNSVILLE

Crownsville Hospital Center is shutting its doors after almost a century, officials said. That
will leave Maryland with only two
primary residential facilities for
the mentally ill. State Health Secretary Nelson Sabatini says the closure will create a more efficient
system for treating the mentally ill
and save the state \$12 million in an-

nual operating costs.

Stories and photos from The Associated

# Canines and car seats: A safety debate

By GORDON DICKSON Knight Ridder/Tribune

FORT WORTH, Texas ew phrases can make a dog's day like "C'mon. let's go in the car.' Many Americans take pets along on errands - through the bank's drive-through, to the corner store, to Dairy Queen. A car ride seems to make the animals happy, and it forges a family-style bond between master and cuddly beast

But if, as the saying goes, peo-ple love their animals like children, why don't they buckle them up? A loose animal in an automobile can be a serious distraction and may cause nearly as many fa talities as cell phones, research shows.

Four-legged passengers can also be injured easily, even in a minor car accident, safety experts said. During a crash, they can become projectiles that bounce around inside the car, harming themselves and human occupants. "I see people driving with dogs

in their laps all the time, and I al-ways think, 'What's happening here?' It's obviously dangerous, said Cindy Deardorf, a teacher who lives in Euless, Texas.

Restraint devices such as car seats and seat belts for dogs are for sale in many pet stores, but industry experts estimate that just a fraction of pet owners - perhaps less than 1 percent — use them.

Some people complain that it's a hassle to strap a dog into the harness Others said there's no proof that seat belts for dogs save lives.

The Insurance Institute for

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## **PRECIOUS METALS**

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Ann Colbert of Euless, Texas, said her dog, Sandy, took immediately to her car seat. Many pet stores sell car restraint devices for animals, but industry experts say only a fraction of people use them.

Highway Safety, which independently tests human safety features on vehicles, knows of no such testing for animal restraints.

Even so. Deardorf is considering buying a seat belt because her chocolate Labrador, Cassie, re-cently iumped out the rear side window of a moving vehicle.

Thankfully, she said, the dog was not hurt by the fall or run over by other drivers on the Texas road where the incident took place.

"It scared me out of my mind," she said, adding that she never did figure out what spooked the dog into jumping. "I don't roll down the windows anymore.

Others argue that canines won't enjoy a ride in a car, or in

the back of a pickup, if confined by a seat belt.

In Santa Fe, N.M., city officials recently turned down a proposal that would have required dogs to wear seat belts in cars. The city was flooded with complaints from people who wanted their dogs to be able to stick their noses out car

Safety issues such as driver distractions sometimes take years to bubble up to the forefront of public consciousness, experts said.

"It's just a new concept, some thing people aren't aware of, said Tamara Bew, marketing director for Pethealth Inc., an insur-ance company for pets. "It's just like everything out there. It takes a while for everybody to get used

Pethealth doesn't offer insurance discounts to pet owners with doggie seat belts - not yet, anyway, she said. Driving while using a cell

phone is illegal in some cities and states, but driving with an unrestrained pet is nearly as danger-ous, said Jane Stutts, associate director of the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina

In a study of driver distractions conducted last year for AAA. Stutts pored over narrative de-scriptions for 412 randomly selected accidents nationwide in 1998. She found four cases about 1 percent of the total - in which a dog barking, jumping or bumping the steering wheel was blamed "That's 1 percent of wrecks.

but that's not piddly, because cell phones accounted for only 2 per-cent," she said. "We've all seen people carrying pets in their laps they're licking the driver's face while he's trying to drive. It does cause crashes

Driver distraction is becoming a much broader topic than the single issue of cell phones, said Rav Palermo, spokesman for Connecticut-based Response Insurance

"It's not just the cell phones themselves that are the problem. It's the distraction," Palermo said. "The distraction can be many things, including animals."

About 11 percent of drivers said they were recently distracted by a dog jumping around in their car, and 16 percent said it caused or nearly caused a crash, according to a nationwide survey conducted last year by Response Insurance. The survey included interviews with 1,046 people randomly selected from across the country.

All forms of driver distractions collectively account for approximately 7 percent to 9 percent of wrecks in the United States, experts said. That would be up to 3.780 of the 42.000 people killed on U.S. roads each year.

But the true count may be much higher, perhaps 20 percent 30 percent, former National Highway Traffic Safety Adminis-tration Director L. Robert Shelton told Congress in 2001. Cases may be underreported because some police don't track distractions, and some drivers involved in crashes don't admit to being distracted

Eighty-three percent of drivers said their greatest fear on the road is that other drivers aren't paving attention, according to the survey. Ann Colbert of Euless didn't

want to be one of those inattentive drivers. So in 2001, she bought a foam-lined car seat for Sandy, a 14-pound dog with white, curly fur. Sandy is part-bichon frise, part-Maltese.

The seat cost \$70

'I was always driving with her sitting on the console and with my arm around her," Colbert said. "I never had to make any sudden stops or anything, but I was always so worried. I knew if I had to make a sudden stop, I would be more concerned with her and not paying attention to what I was doing

# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## **Emergency information**

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — In a household emergency such as a fire or natural disaster, you may have min-utes to get yourself and your family out of harm's way. Imagine if you also had to worry about rescuing all your important personal and financial documents as well.

Bankrate.com reports that you should save any important documents in a secure place such as a fireproof box or a safe deposit box. You should collect: ■ Bank account records

■ Marriage certificates and divorce decrees titles

■ Deeds or registrations for property and vehicles

- Mortgage and other loan information ■ Insurance policies
  - Investment records
  - Credit-card statements ■ Income tax information ■ Social Security cards
  - Wills ■ Birth certificates
- Copies of your identification cards such driver's license. green card or passport

You also should get a list of phone numbers, mailing and e-mail addresses for important contacts. If you keep the information in your home, make sure each family member knows where to find it

## Senator hurt in crash

HELENA Mont - Sen May Baucus suffered minor injuries Saturday in a motorcycle crash and was hospitalized for observation, his spokesman said.

The Montana Democrat was going to a family picnic when he lost control of his Harley-Davidson on a curve on a road near Lincoln, about 40 miles northwest of Helena, spokesman Barrett Kasier said.

Baucus swerved to miss a car and hit a guardrail. Kaiser said. Baucus suffered cuts on his foot and leg and bruises and scrapes on his hands in the crash, Kaiser

## Murder spree charges

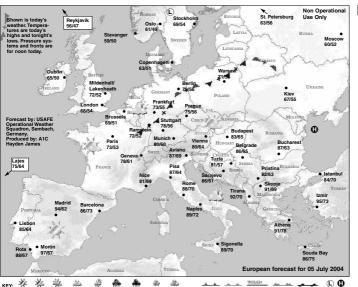
CHICAGO — Two cousins From wire reports

have been arrested for allegedly going on a six-week-long killing spree that left four people dead on the city's South Side, police said Saturday.

Angela Ford Wright and Caroline Peoples are accused of killing three men in a series of "pros-titution-related robberies," police spokeswoman JoAnn Taylor said. A fourth victim, 30-year-old Avesha Epps, was an acquaintance who was shot to death during an argument Thursday, Taylor said.

Each victim was shot in the back of the head, police said. Wright and Peoples, both 26

and of Chicago, were arrested Friday morning. Each was charged with four counts of first-degree murder and four counts of armed robbery, Taylor said. Bond hearings had not been held as of Satur-



#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 60s and lows in the lower 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

France: Partly cloudy. High tempera-tures will be in the mid 70s with lows in the mid 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms early. High temperatures will be in the low 70s with lows in the mid 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with periods of rainshowers and isowith periods of rainshowers and iso-lated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid to upper 70s with lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Hungary: Partly cloudy with light morning rainshowers. Highs in the low to mid 80s with lows in the mid 60s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s with lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s with lows in the lower 70s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s with lows in the lower to mid 60s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with isolated afternoon rainshowers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s with lows in the lower 60s to lower 70s.

Turkey: Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s in the north and inland and upper 90s elsewhere. Lows in the mid 50s inland and lower to mid 70s else-where.

For current weather watches, ings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home page at https://ows.sembach.af.mil



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## FACES 'N' PLACES

# Kracker gone country

## On the strength of toppling Celine Dion, Kid Rock's DJ teams with Kenny Chesney

Chesney kids

don't scare me.

for duet partner Chesney

Uncle Kracker On touring as an opening act

BY DAN NAILEN

Billboard magazine, the music industry's business bible, has charts dedicated to virtually every genre and subcategory under the sun, and it's no surprise that the reigning queen of "Adult Contemporary Mainstream" until this year was power balladeer Celine Dion.

balladeer Celine Dion.
What is surprising, however, is who knocked Ms. Titanic off her perch — the man known to attentive fans as Uncle Kracker, to his family as Matt Sha-44... [T] hese Kenniy

to his family as Matt Shafer and to most others as Kid Rock's DJ. His cover of Dobie Gray's pop-soul hit "Drift Away," featuring an appearance by Gray himself, managed to eclipse "My Heart Will Go On" earlier this year.

Not too shabby for a

guy who didn't seem destined for a solo-career, given that his day job in Kid Rock's Twisted Brown Trucker Band kept him pent up behind two turntables for years. But once Kid Rock broke through, Kracker's own skills as a writer of easy-to-swallow, country-tinged pop-rock came to the he's touring with country star Kenny Chesney in support of his third album, "72 and Sunny."

Given Kid Rock's heart-on-sleeve love of country, it's natural that fellow Michigan native and best friend Kracker loves the twangy stuff, too. But the No. 1 success of his duet with Chesnev on "When the

Sun Goes Down" is remarkable considering the hard-rock circles Kracker ran in earlier.

Talking to Kracker, though, it becomes clear he was always a country boy.

"They seem like they are two totally different worlds that seem so far apart, but they are really not," Kracker said, describing the difference between the rock world and country community. "I like to say, 'It's

the same dance, different song.'
"More people like country music than

think they do. Some of those people just don't know they like country music. If you ask people if they like The Eagles, I don't think I could find one person to say, no... And if they weren't from California, they would call them country. I'd like to take people to someone like Jerry Jeff

Walker and ask, 'Do you like that? You do? That's country.' " Kracker's music would not appear to be

Kracker's music would not appear to be country at first listen, but it can easily fit next to the crossover country acts sharing the bill, Chesney and Rascal Flatts. Now that he's had three albums and a handful of hits, Kracker feels good about getting on stage with anyone. Playing for a country audience isn't too difficult, he said. "At first, I didn't really know what to ex-

"At first, I didn't really know what to expect, but I've opened up for people like Hank Williams Jr., and I've had to play for a much older and much more stubborn crowd," Kracker said. "So these Kenny Chesney kids don't scare me."



Uncle Kracker arrives at the 39th annual Academy of Country Music Awards at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino in Las Vegas in May. After gaining recognition as Kid Rock's DJ, Kracker is making his mark on the adult contemporary and country music charts. Said Kracker, "They seem like they are two totally different worlds that seem so far apart, but they are really not... More people like country music than think they dy.

#### Refusing to show 'Fahrenheit'

The president of a company that owns movie theaters in **Iowa** and **Nebraska** is refusing to show director **Michael Moore**'s "Fahrenheit 9/11."

R.L. Fridley, owner of Des Moines-based Fridley Theatres, says the controversial documentary incites terrorism

Fridley said in an e-mail message to company managers that the company does not

"play political propaganda films from either the right or the

"Our country is in a war against an enemy who would destroy our way of life, our culture and kill our people," Fridley wrote.

wrote.
"These barbarians have shown through [the attacks on Sept.

111, 2001] and the recent beheadings that they will stop at nothing. I believe this film emboldens them and divides our country even more." "Fahrenheit 9/11" won best picture at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival and has grossed millions of dollars at the box office.

### 'Simple Life' mom upset

The Arkansas farm family that hosted heiress Paris Hilton and her friend Nicole Richie for the first

season of "The Simple Life" says life has not always been easy since the show aired

Albert and Janet Leding of Altus took in the two in while Fox television crews filmed the glamorous pair cleaning chicken coops and examining cows.

examining cows. This season they are

driving a recreational vehicle from Florida to California on "The Simple Life 2."

The Ledings say they have received reams of fan mail and dozens of friendly phone calls since the first season aired. But mom Janet Leding says one message hurt her feelings.

When Entertainment Weekly magazine asked Hilton last month if she kept in touch with the Ledings, she replied, "I changed my number."

Leding wonders why.

"She made us sound like we were trying to stalk her," Janet Leding said. "Who's been calling her? We talked to them a couple of times right after they left. Nicole — I talked to her about three times. We weren't trying to call them all the time. We don't care one way or other."

### Great White's unfortunate gig

The rock band whose pyrotechnics sparked a fire that killed 100 people was booked to play an outdoor concert Sunday coinciding with the nearby July 4 fireworks show for St. Petersburg, Fla.

Great White's concert is set to begin an hour before the fireworks start going off three blocks away, a backdrop that club owner and concert promoter John Claude Bodziak considered ironic when booking

"I don't want people to get the wrong

idea, that I arranged for this date," Bodziak said. "July 4th was the only date left."

### Big Easy: 'Hollywood South'

A basketball film starring Ben Affleck is among a number of

major film and television projects to be shot in the New Orleans area, prompting the city and state to launch an effort to earn the Big Easy an-

other nickname: "Hollywood South."

In the two years since the state of Loui-

since the state of Louisiana created a tax break for film companies, the New Orleans

pa- Affleck ans more than \$200 milli

area has attracted more than \$200 million in such projects, Mayor Ray Nagin said Friday.

"We are attracting major motion pictures to our city," Nagin said. "There's so much work we're not able to train individuals quickly enough, so we're importing way too much talent."



## Horoscope

nious blend with the Cancer sun

Emotions are fluid, and the tendency is to romanticize what's happening. With Mercury now exploring Leo, that inclination is even more pronounced. So if you find vourself waxing like a Victori an poet, you haven't lost your mind. You're merely using it in a sentimental way

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 5). You're on you own path this year, uncon

cemed about how others are accomplishing their goals - you've got your own way. and it works brilliantly for you! Investments this month and next are lucky. You're building your career and have to spend money to make money. Relationship progress in August is serious! Love signs are Sagittarius and Capricorn

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Pleasant details fall into place, like lunch invitations or discounts based on your being in the right place at the right time. In a guest to get something of magnitude accom plished, you're checking off a million little things

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

There are some confusing complications having to do with authority, who has it and what you're really being "graded" on. Don't be afraid to request more clarity from people, no matter how high up they are on the totem pole

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Environment plays a huge part in your decision making. You may find

yourself falling into preferences that are common to your region or to the culture of a social group that you belong to. Be mindful.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You know guite a lot, but thank goodness you don't know it all that would be very annoying to everyone around you. When you enter unfamiliar territory, don't let your confidence slip. Everyone is a beginner at something

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It feels as if this day is out of your control. A partner may agree to plans for the

both of you, or a forgotten engage ment forces you to shuffle every-thing around. You put on a good face, as usual - you're nothing if not tactful

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A more capable leader than you would

Joyce Jillson

be difficult to find. Refine your approach based on the people you're trying to lead, though, Sure, the plan may be foolproof. but how does it hold up when there's a genius

#### trying to work it? LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life re quires your "A" game.

Even if it seems like overkill use the sharnest tool in your kit to solve

problems. Deliver a humble opinion when asked for it. You'll make a difference, as folks are listening closely to you

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It feels like life in a pressure cooker but at least the stress helps you get

focused. Some people in your life simply don't understand what it means to be as busy as this. A Capricorn is waiting for you to pay proper respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An influx of new blood on the scene might be threatening to some but not to you. Colorful people bring out the many flavors of your person ality and help you shine. Your win-

#### ning attitude attracts affection CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your logical mood makes it impossible to understand where that irrational person is coming from, but you're generous enough to allow for strong emotions. Casual meetings will have rather sophisticated results.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's obvious how you're choosing your company - the one who makes you laugh gets more of your

Continue with this method of choosing your friends, and you could very well improve your health

time

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People around you are playing it

cool, but you can rest assured you are deeply appreciated. Pool resources with friends to do something spectacular for that needy individual You're the one who is made richer for the effort

## **Peanuts**





























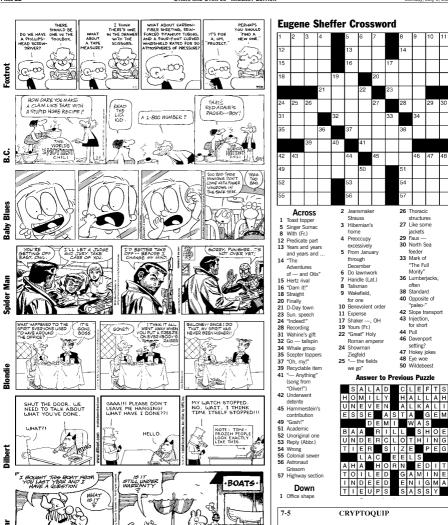


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L Z B B H U Z T Z A A K K R T Z E B . Saturday's Cryptoquip: PAPA WAS A REALLY HUGE FAN OF NEW ORLEANS PARTIES. HE RENAMED HIMSELF MARTY GRAU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals B

The problem is Mom. She's

to enjoy the life she once knew.

When I told her we'd had a discussion about moving, Mom

became extremely upset. I told

her we love her and we would

Mom says it's wrong of me to

even ask such a thing of her. She

says she's so hurt she feels like

she has been kicked in the stom-

ach. My husband is growing

resentful of her. I have begged

er's doctor involved. She needs

talking to the doctor, inquire

remain where she is.

counseling, and possibly medica-tion for depression. While you're

about what arrangements can be

made if your mother chooses to

her to be open-minded, but she's very negative. What should I do?

Dear Daughter: Get your moth

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want her to come with us.

Nobody visits her.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

WHAT THE SALOON

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THE COMBOYS

GOT ROWDY

Now arrange the circled letters to

suggested by the above cartoon.

form the surprise answer, as

I need some

## **Husband not fully committed**

Dear Abby: My boyfriend, "Dick," moved in with me, into a home I have owned for 13 years. A year later, he accepted a job in a city two hours away. (There were no jobs in this area.) Dick lives in an apartment there during the week. We were later married.

The other day we went shopping, and I bought a decorator accessory for the house. Dick didn't like the color and became very angry at me

The house is in my name only. Dick does not contribute to the house or its upkeep. He uses all the supplies in the house and never offers to pay

for expenses.

Meanwhile, he earns a good salary and contributes to a

Abby, Dick doesn't live here most of the week, despite my urging him to find a job that's closer. I am paying for most of the expenses for the house ever though I'm battling cancer. I feel he has no right to complain.

- Frustrated Decorator Dear Frustrated: Your marital problems go far beyond a disagreement about a decorator item. It appears your husband is not fully committed to the marriage, as demonstrated by his

failure to support you financially or emotion-ally during your illness It's time to reach a meeting of the minds and hearts about his

job, your finances and your future together. A giant step in the right direction would he to consult a mar-

riage counselor. Your physician can refer you to one. If your husband refuses to go, go without him.

Dear Abby: I am a 35-year-old wife, mother of two small children and caregiver to my mother. My husband has

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write asked me to consider relocating to Abby on the Internet at to a distant state so he can adhttp://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate vance in his career. I have no

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words



Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: TOPA7 IDIOM FIXING WALRUS The young candidate was elected because Answer: - "PROMISING"

# BI FFTF VACTOR

## Saturday's

## Mom denies son's drug problem

Dear Annie: I have 30-year-old brother who is a drug addict. We have tried everything to help "Rory. and spent thousands of dollars for treatment facilities, but he always comes back, lying, stealing from Mom and getting into trouble.

Last week. Rory was arrested for possession of cocaine. He was in my mom's car at the time, so I had to take her to get it out of the police impound lot. Rory gave my mom some elaborate story about how the coke wasn't his. Of course, she believed him. While my daughter and I were in Mom's car, my daughter found two checks that were made out to Rory from a family friend, but I recognized my brother's handwriting. I knew they were stolen, so I returned them to their owner

Rory somehow found out I did this, and now my mother is mad at me What should I say to her?

— Law-Abiding Daughter Dear Daughter: Your mothe has her head in the sand. Return

Annie's Mailbox ing the checks brought her back to reality. Denial is less painful than admitting her adult son is a drug

addict and a criminal. Since you don't want her to remain angry with you, apologize for making her unhappy, and tell her when she is ready to stop enabling Rory, you will be there

for her. Then contact Nar-Anon at 22527 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 200B, Tor rance, CA 90505, 1-800-477-6291

(naranon.com)

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Fed Up With Mama Drama," whose ex-wife gave him such a hard time, he decided to stop communicating with his children. I am a divorced father who experienced such terrible things from the kids' mother that I gave up my parental rights. I didn't want my children caught in

the crossfire. They needed peace. I miss my children, but I'm convinced my decision to back

away was best for them. My ex-wife can no longer blame me for anything, and it has eliminated the "issues." The kids are older now and are finally coming around — particularly my daughter, who has done a total 180 and

now wants to see me more often. I know what it means to deal "Mama Drama," and I think the kids get it, too. Just be patient. It does pay off later

- Wisconsin Dear Wisconsin: Maybe. We're glad this has worked for you, but in too many instances, a father who gives up contact with his children destroys any chance of a future relationship. Your motives may make sense and even be admirable, but not all children are able to forgive if they believe you abandoned them because you found it too stressful to deal

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## **Family Circus**



"Is the sky gonna put on some more fireworks toniaht?"

# GRAFFITI Smoke s ess today. drink too much



"SIR, IF WE HAD CHANGE FOR TEN BUCKS WE WOULDN'T NEED TO SELL LEMONADE."



A day in the invisible Man's household



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**Long Island Classic** 

Saturday At The Red Course at Eisenhower Park East Meadow, N.Y.

Purse: \$1.5 million Yardage: 6,914; Par: 70

## **SCOREBOARD**

### AFN schedule

(All times Central European, AFN-A: AFN-Atlantic: PAC: AFN-Pacific/Korea: SPT: AFN-Sports; did: delayed; cut: two-hour o 90-minute cut-down, Listings are latest avail able from AFRTS and subject to change with out notice.)

#### Television

Baseball — Conformat at St. Louis, R. p.m., Monday, S. Pf.; N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia. J. A. A. M. Louis, S. P. M. Mets at Philadelphia. J. A. A. M. Louis, J. S. P. M. Mets at Philadelphia. J. A. A. M. Louis, J. S. P. Y. M. Mets at Philadelphia. J. D. M. Louis, J. M. M. Louis

(did), SPT. Nextel Cup Pepsi 400, 1:30 p.m. Monday (did), SPT; Champ Car GP of Cleveland, 9 a.m. Tuesday (did), SPT; NASCAR Trucks O'Reilly 250, 7 p.m. Tuesday (did), SPT.

#### Radio

(Listings are feeds from AFN in California. Some might not air in all areas) Baseball — Cincinnati at St. Louis, 8 p.m. Monday; N.Y. Mets at Philadeiphia, 1 a.m. Tuesday
AFN-Europe can be reached at DSN
329-4444 or German civ. (+49)
(0)69-156-88-444. AFN-Atlantics Web site is
www.afneurope.net. Click on "television" or
"radio" for latest schedules. AFN's parent or
ganization, AFRTS at March Reserve AFB,
Callit, can be reached at DSN (312) 348-1319
or commercial (309) 413-2319, its Web site is
www.myafn.or

## Tennis

#### Wimbledon

Sunday At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquel Wimbledon, England Purse: \$17.86 million (Grand Slam) Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Surface: Grass-Outdoor Singles Championship Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Andy Roddick (2), United States, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

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Stubs (G), Australia, def. Libael Huber,
South Africa, and Al Sugiyama (S), Japan,
6-3, 7-6 (S).

Mixed Semifinals ra Black (6), Zimbabwe, def. indsay Davenport (7), Unit-Wayne and Canal Bob Bryan and Lindsay var-ed States, 7-5, 7-5. Senior Doubles Men 35

Men 35
Championship
T.J. Middleton and David Wheaton, United
States, def. Cedric Pioline, France, and Robert Seguso, United States, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.
Women 35
Championship
Mima Jausowec, Slovenja, and Jana Novotna, Cedric Reguloit, def. Jo Durle, Britain,
and Helena Sukova, Czech Republic, 1-6, 7-5.

Junior Singles Boys Championship Gael Monfils (1), France, def. Miles Kasiri, Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (6).

Girls Championship Katerina Bondarenko (6), Ukraine, def. Ana vanovic (3), Serbia Montenegro, 6-4, 6-7 (2), Girls

6-2. Junior Doubles

Brendan Evans and Scott Hase, etc.
United States, def. Robit Hase, Netherlands, and Viktor Troicki, Serbia-Montene-gro, 6-4, 6-4.

gro, 6-4, 6-4.

Wheelchair
Exhibition
Matt Faucher, Britain, and John Greer, United States, def. David Gardner and Kevin Plowman, Britain, 2-6, 6-3, 12-10 (tiebreak).

### Auto racing

### French Grand Prix

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14, Cristiano da Matta, Brazil, Toyota, 69, 1 15. Olivier Panis, France, Toyota, 68, 2 laps. 16, Nick Heidfeld, Germany, Jordan-Ford, o, 2 Iaps. 17, Giorgio Pantano, Italy, Jordan-Ford, 67, 3 laps. 18. Gianmaria Bruni, Italy, Minardi-Cos-

n, 65, 3 laps. Not Classified

19. Zsolf Baumgartner, Hungary, Minar-di-Cosworth, 31 laps completed. 20. Takuma Sato, Japan, BAR-Honda, 15 laps completed. Drivers Standings (After 10 of 18 races)

noints.
2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, 68.
3. Jenson Button, England, 48.
4. Jarno Trulli, Italy, 48.
5. Fernando Alonso, Spain, 33.
6. Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, 25.
7. Takuma Sato, Japán, 14.
8. Ralf Schumacher, Germany, 12.

## David Coulthard, Scotland, 12 10 Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, 10 10, Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, 10. **Grand Prix of Cleveland**

Champ Car World Series
Saturday
At Burke Lakefront Airport (road course)
Cleveland
Lap Length: 2.106 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (2) Sebastien Bourdais, Ford-Cosworth,

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 (6) Bruno Jungueira, Ford-Cosworth/ Lola/Bridgestone, 97.
 Alex Tspillani, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/ Pridgestone, 97.
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briugestone, 97. 5. (10) Jimmy Vasser, Ford-Cosworth/ Lola/Bridgestone, 97. 6. (4) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford-Cosworth/ o. (4) A.J. Allmendinger, Ford-Cosworth/ ola/Bridgestone, 97. 7. (14) Roberto Gonzalez, Ford-Cosworth/ Lola Pridgestone, 97.
8. (11) Mario Dominguez, Ford-Cosworth/
Lola/Bridgestone, 98.
9. (15) Rodolfo Lavin, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/
Bridgestone, 96.
10. (16) Nelson Philippe, Ford-Cosworth/
Lola/Bridgestone, 95.
11. (3) Kyan Hunter-Reay, Ford-Cosworth/

Margin of victory 15.10 second.
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## O'Reilly Auto Parts 250 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Saturday At Kansas Speedway

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\$10,865. 21. (18) Hank Parker Jr., Toyota, 158, \$10,740. 22. (29) Lance Hooper, Chevrolet, 146,

\$10,715. 23. (21) Brandon Whitt, Ford, 145, accident,

24. (28) Robert Huffman, Toyota, 145, acci-dent, \$9,665 25. (1) Dennis Setzer, Chevrolet, 136, \$9,640. 26. (17) Shane Hmiel, Chevrolet, 135, accident, \$9,615. ent, \$9,615. 27. (23) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 115, acci-ent, \$9,590, 28. (22) Bill Lester, Toyota, 115, accident, 29. (12) David Reutimann, Toyota, 101, accident. \$9.520.

ent, \$9,520. 30. (5) Ted Musgrave, Dodge, 92, \$9,490. 31. (16) Andy Houston, Dodge, 87, \$9,465. 32. (31) Ryck Sanders, Chevrolet, 54, han-ling, \$9,440. 33. (33) Phil Bonifield, Chevrolet, 10, han-33. (33) Phil Bonifield, Chevrolet, 10, han-dling, \$9,420. 34. (34) Bobby Dotter, Chevrolet, 9, radia-tor, \$9,390. 35. (30) Kelly Sutton, Chevrolet, 6, accident, \$9,365.

9,365. Race Statistics Time of race: 2 hours, 21 minutes, 48 sec

nds.
Margin of victory: 1.769 seconds.
Winner's average speed: 105.994 mph.
Caution flags: 10 for 44 laps.
Lead changes: 14 among nine drivers.
Lap leaders: D. Setzer 0; B. Hamilton 1-21;
Musgrave 22; B. Hamilton 23.30; S. Park .. .....ээн аve zz, в. наппкол z3-30; S. Park 31-33; J. Sprague 34-58; S. Hmlel 59-81; J. Wood 82-85; B. Hamilton 86-103; C. Chaffin 104; J. Wood 105-114; S. Hmlel 115-123; J. Wood 124-139; M. Crafton 140-145; C. Ed-wards 146-167.

wood 124-139; M. Cratton 140-143; C. Ed wards 146-157; NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series stand ings: 1. D. Setzer, 1527. 2. C. Edwards, 1,493 3. B. Hamilton, 1,466. 4. R. Crawlord, 1,395. 5. M. Crafton, 1,341. 6. C. Chaffin, 1330. 7. J Wood, 1,327. 8. T. Kvapli, 1,300. 9. T. Mus grave, 1,299. 10. J. Sprague, 1,288.

## Cycling

## Tour de France stage winners

July 3 — Prologue, Liege, Belgium to Liege, Idividual time trial, 3.73 miles (Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland; Cancellara).

July 4 — Stage 1, Liege, Belgium to Charle
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hay 8 - Stage 5, Amiens to Chartres, 1211-179 - Stage 6, Bonneval to Angers, 1211-179 - Stage 7, Chateaubriant to Say 18 - Stage 8, Lamballe to Quimper, 19 - Stage 8, Lamballe to Quimper, 19 - Stage 8, Lamballe to Quimper, 19 - Stage 9, Saint-Leonard-e-Nob-July 12 - Stage 9, Saint-Leonard-e-Nob-July 13 - Stage 9, Saint-Leonard-e-Nob-July 14 - Stage 10, Limoges to Saint-Flour, 1472-179 - Stage 11, Saint-Flour to Figeac.

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Mongie, 123.66 July 17 — Stage 13, Lannemezan to Plateau July 18 — Stage 14, Carcassonne to Nimes.

o May 18 - Singe 14, Carcasson—
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144.92 - Singe 19, Bean-con to Bean-con,
144.92 - Singe 20, Montereau to Paris,
Champs-Elysees, 102.53

## Golf

### U.S. Women's Open

Saturday
At The Orchards Golf Clu
South Hadley, Mass.
Purse: \$3.1 million
Yardage: 6,473; Par: 71
Third Round
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Jennifer Rosales
Meg Mallon
Kelly Robbins
Annika Sorenstam
Rachel Teske
Michelle Ellis
a-Michelle Wie
Pat Hurst a-Paula Creamei Karrie Webb Carin Koch Lorena Ochoa 72-71-71-214 72-67-75-214 75-71-69-215

Craig Bowden Tom Carter Mark Wilson David Frost Skip Kendall Heath Slocum Kevin Na Jose Coceres 76-69-70-215 76-68-71-215 70-72-73-215 73-71-72-216

Brian Batema Brad Lardon Brett Quigley Steve Stricker Jason Rohn J.P. Hayes Jay Willia Brent Geil Chad Camp Jerry Kelly Steve Elkin +1 +2 +2 +2 +2 Jerry Kelly Steve Elkington Len Mattiace Todd Fischer Scott McCarron Robert Damron

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Christina Kim Tina Barrett Tina Barrett
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Laura Diaz
Loraine Lambert
Heewon Han
Aree Song
Seoi-An Jeon
Hillary Lunke
Li Ying Ye

Saturday At Cog Hill Golf and Country Club Dubsdread, Course 4

Lemont, III. Purse: \$4.8 millior Yardage: 7,326; Par: Third Round

Mark Hensby Geoff Ogilvy Stuart Apple

Steve Lower Tiger Woods Jim Furyk Mike Small

Steve Pate Carl Petter

Shigeki Maruyar John Rollins

Steve Pate
Carl Pettersson
Luke Donald
Chris Smith
Jonathan Byrd
Robert Gamez
Matt Gogel
Charles Howell
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## With time and money running out, Tyson fighting for last chance at glory

BY TIM DAHLBERG The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Mike Tyson was sprawled on his back on the canvas. not the kind of place you want to be if you're a fighter, much less the former baddest man on the planet.

A day after his 38th birthday, his back was in spasms and his face was contorted in pain.

Tyson wanted his sparring session this day to be a good one. Two visiting writers were watching and he was determined to be impressive. Instead he was a bit embar-

rassed about how it ended "Sorry you had to see some-thing bad," he said. "I really want-

ed to box good for you guys. Tyson has a lot to apologize for,

but there was nothing to be sorry about this day at the Central Boxing Club near downtown Phoenix He had gone five hard rounds

with two rugged sparring partners before the back spasi had felt earlier in the day while running flared up. So he quit in the middle of the sixth round.

one July 30 against a British heavyweight of dubious distinc-tion named Danny Williams. Tyson's timing wasn't always there, but he showed there still might be enough left in his aging body to be factor in today's fractured heavyweight ranks. Mike Tyson,

right, listens to

trainer Freddie

Roach, left,

ring rounds

the Central

between spar

during his work-

out, Thursday at

Boxing Club. in

Phoenix Tyson

is training for

his comeback

hout against

on July 30.

Danny Williams

At least his sparring partner

"No one has power like Mike Tyson," said Timur Ibragimov, a Uzbekistan heavyweight who went the first three rounds with Tyson. "And I've never seen anybody with his speed."

Tyson's power and speed have seldom been questioned in the 18 years since he first won the heavyweight title

It's the other things, mainly his bizarre ways both in and out of the ring

Tyson has served time for rape, n Evander Holyfield's ear, tried to break another fighter's arm and threatened to eat Lennox Lewis' children. He's wasted away some \$300 million, owes \$38 million to various creditors, and is basically broke

Despite what a British tabloid reported, though, he's not homeless. "I told them I felt like I was

homeless, not that I was," he said. Sitting in the gym's dressing room, with sweat running down his face and chest, he tries to explain a life lived in constant turmoil, al-

ion of myself," Tyson said. "I never realized how many people were pulling for me, wanted me to do well. It was too much pressure for me. I didn't know how to handle it. I wanted people to think I'm a normal guy.



guy," he added. "I don't know if the two intertwine, but that's the real deal."

A contradiction? Sure, but Tvon's whole life has been a contradiction.

On this day, he talked about living a normal life, taking care of his five children and giving up most of the vices that always seemed to distract him

He celebrated his birthday by taking a big bite out of a cake before it was even cut. He thought about going to a strip club to celebrate, but then began wondering how his children

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Mike Tyson

cided against it. He's living in a modest two-bed-room house in Phoenix where he tends to his pi-geons at 4 a.m. every day, then goes running. The Bentleys are gone, there's no entou rage to speak of and Tyson insists he's trying to live a clean life

would feel and de-

"I'm trying not to say bad things

about anybody, or use bad lan-guage. It's part of my habit of being a good person," he said. Asked how long that had been going on, Tyson replied: "This is Tyson's latest comeback is driv-

en by money — or, more specifi-cally, a lack of it. A bankruptcy reorganization plan filed last month in New York calls for him to fight up to seven times over the next three years to pay off his debts.

That plan still has to be approved by a judge, who might

have some second thoughts after looking at Tyson's recent record. He's fought only twice in the

last three years — getting knocked out by Lewis in eight getting rounds and knocking out Clifford Etienne in 49 seconds — and has seemed to want to spend his time playing instead of fighting.

He senses now, perhaps, that time is running out, and that this comeback must be for real or there will be no more.

"I don't care how much money I ew." Tyson said. "The reason



Mike Tyson says he is done with the chaos that enveloped his life and career and is serious about one last boxing comeback.

why I'm in my situation is I get in one of my bratty moods and things happen. But if I fight for a year I get \$80 million. If I fight for a year I'll break every record of any athlete making money in one

Fighting for even a year is a big if for Tyson. Fighting for three more years is almost inconceivable to those who

have seen him on 44 I'm like Babe the road to self destruction. Incredibly. Ruth I'm not going to fight

Tyson hasn't really beaten a top fighter for 15 years, but with his fearsome punch-ing power it's entirely likely he could become a champion again. There's talk about fighting WBO champion Lamon Brewster or light

heavyweight champion Antonio Tarver, or perhaps a third fight with Holyfield. "I'm like Babe Ruth," Tyson said. "I'm not going to fight until I drop, but I'm going to fight until I

almost drop. Tyson's trainer Freddie Roach swears this is a new Mike Tyson

unlike the Mike Tyson who decided he would rather party than train in the week before his fight 17 months ago with Etienne. That Tyson disappeared for days, said he was sick and couldn't fight and then arrived in Memphis, Tenn., with a bizarre tattoo on the left side of his face.

"Bankruptcy is good for Mike," Roach said. "He's humble and living the simple life. The way he's going I don't think there's a champion he can't beat. Others aren't so convinced that

Tyson can change his ways. Tyson hugged Williams at a news conference this week instead of brawling with him as he did with Lewis, but that didn't stop Kentucky Gov Ernie Fletcher from coming out against the fight in Louisville.

Fletcher said he intends to reorganize the state's athletic commission because it quietly licensed Tyson, saying he was thinking of 'the image of Kentucky.'

In the gym on this day, Tyson hardly looked like the kind of fighter who was going to cause harm to a state's reputation.

His entourage has shrunk to one friend who doubles as a body-guard. When the money ran out.

the others left almost as quickly. "I scared a lot of my friends away from me," he said. "I gave them a reason not to be around me. But you had others who were just there for the handouts.

The talk in the dressing room went back to the times when Tyson dominated the heavyweight division. He was reminded about how he proudly paraded around the casino of the Las Vegas Hilton with the green WBC title belt after becoming the youngest heavyweight champion at the age of 20.

People are still strangely

drawn to see him, expecting either a train wreck, a savage knockout or both. To be ringside at Freedom Hall

on July 30 will set you back \$1,000, and, if past history is any indication, there will be plenty of people willing to pay it. Tyson will pocket \$2 million,

with the rest of his purse going to pay debts that include \$18 million to the IRS and \$9 million to his ex-wife, Monica. If he's successful against the unheralded Williams, and few doubt that he will be, he'll fight in October against a tougher opponent. With Tyson, of course, the best

plans often come apart. Now. though, there is an urgency. "You see me right now, my back

is in pain," he said. "I wouldn't be getting up early in the morning and putting myself through this pain if I wasn't serious. 'I'm feeling pretty good about

myself and when I do become sucsful, it will be the most successful boxing story in the world

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# Sharapova takes a quantum leap

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Born in Russia, made in America, blessed with a fashion model's looks, a champion's game and poise far beyond her years, Sharapova is a marketing ma-

"I hope it doesn't change the person I am



right now, because I really don't want that to happen," Sharapo va said after her universe unalterwas ably transformed Saturday by a 6-1 6-4 rout of two-time defending cham-

pion Serena Williams in the Wimbledon final.
"I already told a few people, 'If

I change, then hit me in the head,

Serena and Venus Williams gave women's tennis a huge boos and made their own considerable impacts on fashion when they became champions. Anna Kournikova did the same without even winning. Now it's Sharapova's turn to grab the spotlight.

Sudden fame and fortune have a way of spinning many a teen's head out of control, but there is something about Maria Sharapar va that suggests she may be immune to the perils of stardom. Ask her what her most significant attribute is, and she is quick to say it is her mental fortitude.

"I'm just a very tough person when I go on the court," she said. "I just love to win, and I want to fight."

She showed that over and over against Williams, outlasting her in rallies, sending her scrambling side to side and pinning her behind the baseline with deep, flat groundstrokes into the corners.

When Williams ventured toward the net, Sharapova craftily lobbed over her head or angled two-fisted backhands past her.



Maria Sharapova, 17, displays the looks and the hardware that make her a marketing maven's dream.

No one could tell from watching her that Sharapova was also fighting off a sore throat that had her in tears the night before, worrying she might be too sick to

Rarely has anyone, even Venus Williams, ever countered Serena's pace with greater pace and so completely dominated her in a match.

Never has anyone this young, playing in her first Grand Slam final, so thoroughly crushed a defending champion as Sharapova did in the 30-minute opening set.

Her coach, Robert Lansdorp, G, watched from his home in Torrance, Calif., unable to come to Wimbledon this year because of a bad hip. He coached Tracy Austin, turning her into the youngest U.S. Open champion when she won the first of her two tiles at 16 in 1979. He also coached Pete Sampras for many years until he was 20, as well as Lindsay Daven.

"Maria has the same composure, the same determination as Tracy," Lansdorp said by telephone. "Like all the great champions, Maria has no fear."

Maybe her whole cinematic journey through life toughened her up.

Born in Siberia, Sharapova came to the United States from Russia at age 7 with her father, Yuri, who had \$700 and a dream of getting her a scholarship to the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Bradenton, Fla. Her mother, Yelena, unable to get a visa, had to stay behind for two years.

Bollettieri's academy was the home of another Russian prodige, home of sucher Russian prodige, Kournikova, and it had been the tennis boot camp for Andre Agassi, Monica Seles, Jim Courier and others. Sharapova didn't get in right away. When she did, she had to endure a couple of unhappy years living in a dorm with much older girls before she was reunited with her family.

She slugged away, and then, at age 10, began going for two-week training trips in California with Lansdorp.

"I wasn't the kind of person that wanted to practice and hit ball after ball after ball," Sharapova said. "I wasn't consistent enough. When I came to Robert, he was, like, 'OK, this girl has to hit ball after ball after ball after ball after ball after ball ball after ball after ball ball shared is finished. When I looked in the basket, there were about 1,000 balls in there."

Lansdorp didn't have any fancy academy, just a rented court, and he drilled shots hard and deep to

"I hit the ball with so much pace against her, a foot from the baseline, and she got to the point where pace didn't bother her," Lansdorp said. "That's what everyone saw today against Serena.

She took Serena's pace and hit it back even harder. I didn't think she'd win Wimbledon at this age, but I knew she had the heart and mind of a champion. She knows how to play almost by instinct." Then there was the discussion

they all had about whether Sharapova should play left-handed or right-handed. She was generally right-handed, but could serve and hit forehands both ways.

"It was a toss-up, but we decidd to settle on her serving and hitting forehands right-handed," Lansdorp said. "But Maria hit a left-handed passing shot past [Daniela] Hantuchova last week and nobody could believe it. That girl has a lot of talents."

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## Armstrong survives nervous first stage

BY JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

CHARLEROI, Belgium Lance Armstrong played it safe and Jaan Kirsipuu was the winner. It was mission accomplished for both riders in Sunday's first full stage of the Tour de France.

Saving himself for later stages, Armstrong finished comfortably back in the field. He is focused on winning a record sixth straight Tour, not scrapping for wins in the hazardous and fast-paced early stages of the three-week race.

A final all-out burst of speed secured Kirsipuu's victory in the 125.5-mile trek that featured roads turned treacherous by rain.

There were crashes, crowds, wind, punctures and a mighty finishing sprint to contend with all factors that make the Tour's first week the part that Armstrong relishes least.

Armstrong finished 48th on Sunday and is third overall. He will be looking to secure victory in the mountain climbs and time trials that come later.

trials that come later.

But for sprinters like Kirsipuu, an Estonian, the early stages are their strength, the reason why they come to the Tour even though they have no prospect of

Muscling his way through a gaggle of riders sprinting to the finish, Kirsipuu edged Australian Robbie McEwen and Norway's Thor Hushoyd.

"The sprint was incredible for me," Kirsipuu said. "I am really, really happy."

The overall leader's yellow jersey stayed on the young shoulders of Fabian Cancellara, a 23-year-old Swiss rider who won

the debut time trial on Saturday. There were several crashes, the first less than nine milles from the start in Liege, Belgium. It threw off Italian rider Mario Cipollini, making his Tour comeback after four years away, as well as Spain's Oscar Sevilla and French rider Guillaume Auger. They all rejoined the race, al-

though Sevilla needed a new bike. Austria's Bernhard Eisel also crashed, touching wheels with a rider in front and falling heavily. He barrel-rolled across the wet tarmac and skidded to a stop in the roadside grass, but picked himself up to resume racing.

Another crash less than three miles from the finish in Charleroi, also in Belgium, unseated France's Nicolas Jalabert.

For Armstrong and other contenders for the Tour crown, avoiding such accidents is a priority.

Armstrong rode much of the race toward the head of the field with riders from his U.S. Postal Service squad. Their game plan was to "stay at the front, every-body together, try to protect Lance and make sure there's no big breakaways," teammate George Hincapie said. "Mainly to stay out of trouble."

## Federer: 24-match streak on grass second to Borg

FEDERER, FROM BACK PAGE

Federer, 22, is the first men's champion to successfully defend his title since Pete Sampras won his seventh and final championship in 2000. His 24-match grass-count vinning streak is the second-longest ever, behind only the 41 consecutive matches won by five-time Wimbledon champ Bjorn Borg.

It was the first Wimbledon men's final in 22 years between the No. 1 and No. 2 seeded players, and it featured a contrast in styles between the cool, versatile Federer and the brash, power-hitting American.

The match was twice suspended by rain, the first time for 36 minutes with Federer leading 3-2 on serve in the first set. The second stoppage — which came with Roddick up a break at 4-2 in the third and lasted 40 minutes — changed the momentum for good in Federer's favor.

After the break, Federer — who had been broken four times until then — won 24 of 28 points on his serve to go into the fourth set. The match swung Federer's way when he

broke back for 4-4 in the third set, returning a 137 mph serve on break point and forcing Roddick to miss a forehand. Federer played at his best in the tiebreaker, getting two accs, a forehand crosscourt winner, a forehand volley and a backhand passing shot down the line. Roddick walked to the changeover with his head down.

Federer got into trouble on his serve in the fourth game of the fourth set, going down 0-40, but managed to save four break points to hold. He saved two more break points in the sixth game, with Roddick going for forehand winners but missing on both. Federer then went ahead for good, breaking Roddick at love for 4-3.

Roddick came out firing in the first set, looking like he was trying to blow Federer off the court. In his first service game, he delivered a 128 mph winner, a 127 mph ace, another 127 mph ace, a double fault and a 145 mph ace. Throwing his entire body into every fore-

hand, Roddick broke in the next game, teeing off on a second serve and hitting an inside-out winner. That was enough to decide the first set. The momentum swung back and fourth in

The momentum swung back and fourth in the second set, with Federer winning the first four games and Roddick the next four.

## Schilling saves day for wearv Red Sox

BY CHARLES ODIM The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Boston's bullpen needed a break, and the entire Red Sox team needed a lift. Curt Schilling delivered

Schilling pitched a six-hitter and Doug Mirabelli broke open a close game with a grand slam to power the Red Sox to a 6-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night. Boston snapped a four-game losing streak.

'We desperately needed to manager Terry Francona said. "Hopefully, tonight is the start of a real good run for us."

Johnny Damon and Nomar Garciaparra each had three hits, including a homer. The Red Sox had dropped seven of nine, including back-to-back losses in extra innings to the New York Vankees and the Braves the previous two nights.

"Our bullpen was worn out," Schilling said. "We needed innings out of me to stay fresh.

Schilling responded with his 81st career complete game, and second of the season. "He understood the situation,"

Francona said. "He intended to finish that game from pitch one. Schilling (11-4) struck out 10 and walked one. With runners on first and third and one out in the fifth, Schilling struck out Rafael Furcal and Nick Green. He re-

tired the last 10 batters he faced. "He just had us all out of whack Braves first baseman Adam LaRoche said.

Garciaparra is 6-for-9 since missing Thursday night's epic game at Yankee Stadium to rest his sore Achilles' tendon, a decision which drew quite a public



Boston starter Curt Schilling delivered his second complete game of the season on Saturday as the Red Sox beat the Atlanta Braves 6-1.

outcry in Boston. In two games he has lifted his batting average from .235 to .286, prompting suggestions that the much-criticized day off in New York was needed.

"I wish you would go with that," the smiling Francona said. That would be great.

Garciaparra missed the first 57 ames of the season with right Achilles' tendinitis and was activated on June 9

"I'm just glad to be playing." he

"That was a great win. You have to give a lot of credit to Curt Schilling. He pitched unbelievable. A complete game, giving the bullpen a rest, that was huge.

Turner Field record crowd of 51,831 included a strong contin-gent of Red Sox fans. The previrecord was 51,638 for the 2002 season opener against Philadelnhia

The Braves (39-41) failed in their attempt to return to .500 for the first time since June 11. They 81-game midpoint of the schedule under .500 for the first time since

The Red Sox cut New York's lead to 7½ games in the AL East. "These guys don't give up," Gar-

ciaparra said. "We believe in ourselves. Today was an example."
Even as Boston has struggled, Schilling has been a consistent

leader. Each of his last four victories have followed a Red Sox loss "On this club I didn't expect to be stopping a lot of streaks, Schilling said.

Boston was a modest 16-14 in May and 11-14 in June, but Schilling has pitched well. He's 7-1 in his past nine starts and ranks among the AL leaders in victories, strikeouts, ERA and innings pitched.

Schilling led only 2-0 before the Red Sox chased Braves starter Thomson (6-7) with five runs on two homers - including Mirabelli's second career slam in the sixth inning

# **Maddux** waits out rain for 296th win

## Cubs hold off crosstown rivals 4-2

By RICK GANO The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Greg Maddux patiently waited out the rain, throw ing a ball into a clubhouse net to keep his arm loose and playing cards to relax.

On a muddy and wet day at Wrigley Field, Maddux pitched around three rain delays to get his 296th victory Saturday in a game finally called after 51/2 innings when conditions became unplayable.

Maddux got some help from Sosa, who Sammy through a downpour and later made a sliding catch in a slippery outfield as the Cubs beat the White Sox 4-2.

"It never bothered me to sit down for an hour as long as I can throw once or twice." Maddux said.

"You only have to do it once to know you can do it. It's just like a long inning."

After the game was delayed a fourth time for 77 minutes after the top of the sixth, umpires inspected the field, as did managers

Ozzie Guillen of the White Sox and Dusty Baker of the Cubs, and the decision to end the game was made. The four delays totaled 3 hours,

'The last time we went on the

field it was ridiculous," Cubs second baseman Todd Walker said "It was just unplayable. If we had gone out again, it would have een a mess Guillen and Baker agreed they

didn't want to risk an injury, especially with more rain in the forecast Crew chief Charlie Reliford said that after consulting with the

managers and the grounds crew he reached the conclusion that "the chances of fixing it were

"You had so many rain delays was like quicksand out there. Baker said

"Ozzie didn't want to get anybody hurt, either. Certainly he wanted to win the game and I wanted to win the game, but is this game worth taking a risk of losing somebody for a long period of time?

Guillen didn't have the final say, but agreed with Reliford that the game should be stopped.
"It sounds funny. I'd rather get

this done than get one of my players or Cubs players hurt. Yo can't even walk on that field, Guillen said

Returning to the mound after delays of 31, 15 and 59 minutes, Maddux (7-6) allowed five hits and two runs in 51/3 innings. He was able to convince Baker he was OK to return after each delay.

'I've known Greg for three onths and Greg has known months and Greg has know Greg for 38 years," Baker said.

Sosa's 14th homer of the season and 553rd of his career came through a driving rain and cleared the right-field wall just before the game was halted for a third time in the bottom of the By that time the Cubs had a 4-0

lead and the infield had become a muddy quagmire with treacher ous footing. And even after the grounds crew sprinkled a drying ist on the soggy infield, players had to tread gingerly.
"You want to win, but unfortu-

nately the conditions were pretty bad," White Sox catcher Sandy Alomar said. "You can't afford to lose several players."

#### Boston's Foulke takes off cap, puts end to flag flap The Associated Press seys and anydiers are fighting and dving every triotic sentiments expressed in

NEW YORK — The flag flap is over for Keith Foulke After a personal letter from

Commissioner Bud Selig, plus talks between the players' union and baseball management as the Fourth of July approached, Foulke reluctantly nacked away his Boston cap that featured a patch of the American flag. "I still think I should be able to

wear it," the Red Sox reliever said this week at Yankee Stadi-



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um. "But I don't want to do any thing that would cost the team. Foulke was the only player in

the majors with his own such hat. The son of a U.S. Air Force man, he wore it most of the season to show his support for the American troops in Iraq.

"It's not like I was trying to call attention to myself," he said. "I'm a patriotic person, and it's just a personal thing I wanted to do. It was only about an inch square, on the left side, and a lot of people didn't even notice it.

The commissioner's office, however, did. Soon after, Foulke said, he began getting letters from Bob Watson, vice president of on-field operations, saving the cap violated baseball's standard uniform

According to the sport's labor agreement, players cannot make individual changes to hats, ier-

else thing wear.

when Francisco pitcher Jason Christiansen

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tinue writing Darryl Kile's num-"57" on his cap in tribute to her his late former teammate.

And in this case, the rule made Foulke's cap illegal. "It's the definition of a uniform that we're going after," Watson's

assistant, Matt McKendry, said. About two weeks after Foulke found out baseball planned to put "Snider-Man 2" ads on the bases

That really chapped me," he - he sent a letter to Selig explaining his position. The commissioner wrote back in a note dated June 3

"I agree with and admire the pa-

your letter," Selig wrote. "While I cannot imagine anyone having an objection to our American flag on a player's hat, we feel it is crucial we maintain across-the-board policy.

"Unfortunately, if we allow one player to add the flag, our ability" to enforce the rule will be diminished he added

While baseball told Foulke that he could be fined or suspended, it did not threaten him with an immediate penalty or ever impose one

On June 24 in a game against Minnesota at Fenway Foulke wore his special hat one last time. He doesn't plan to put it on again, not wanting to risk raising any problems for the Red Sox.

This Sunday, though, Foulke will have an American flag on his can - as will all major leaguers as part of baseball's Fourth of July celebration.

"I think it's great that we do it on Opening Day and July Fourth and 9-11." Foulke said. "But solday, and I think I should be allowed to honor them by wearing that hat ' Jackson recalled, then injured

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Los

Angeles Dodgers recalled Edwin Jackson from Triple-A Las Vegas to start Saturday night's game against the Anaheim Angels, but the right-hander didn't last long.

Jackson had to leave with two outs in the second because of what the Dodgers called a mild strain of his pitching elbow. leaving him day-to-day.

Jackson, 20, was 6-4 with a 5.29 ERA in 15 starts with Las Vegas.

#### Bone chips sideline Matthews

CINCINNATI Cincinnati Reds left-hander Mike Matthews will have surgery Tuesday to remove bone chips from his elbow.

The Reds placed Matthews (2-1) on the disabled list Saturday, and recalled right-hander Ryan Wagner from Triple-A Louisville

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## Mets rally, beat Yanks at Shea

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The New York Mets rushed out of the dugout and mobbed Shane Spencer at first base, jumping up and down in jubilation. It could have been a scene after the final out of the World Series.

This one merely put the Mets in position to win the regular-season Subway Series for the first time

Spencer's bases-loaded dribbler between the mound and first base, a ball that traveled only 40 feet or so, drove in the winning run against his former team, capping an afternoon of comebacks and giving the Mets a thrilling 10-9 victory Saturday over the New York Yankees.

"For us it was a test." Spencer said. "It shows we can play with the best.'

Coming a day after the Mets' 11-2 rout, the ending had the season-best crowd of 55.120 looking ahead to Sunday with shouts of "Sweep!" Fans also took note of the Yankees' three victories over the Boston Red Sox coming in, velling: "We're not Boston!"

"To sweep 'em would be pretty sweet," Spencer said.

Tony Clark homered twice on the sunny summer afternoon and tied his career high with four hits but the Yankees wasted leads of 3-1, 6-4 and 8-6. They loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth and were one pitch from taking the lead when John Franco (2.4) went to a 3-0 count on ninch-hitter Jorge Posada.

Posada took a strike, then took another fastball at the knees for strike two, a pitch he thought



New York's Jorge Posada (20), held back by manager Joe Torre, argues a called third strike with home plate umpire Chuck Meriwether. Posada was called out with the bases loaded in the ninth.

should have been ball four. Franco came back with another fastball, this one a smidgeon lower Plate umpire Chuck Meriweth-

er called it strike three. "It seemed like a lifetime. Franco said of waiting for a call.

Posada threw his bat, argued and had to be pushed away by manager Joe Torre. Posada didn't want to talk about the call.

"That was the game basically right there," Mets manager Art Howe said, "because you know who (stopper Mariano Rivera) is coming in if they score there.

Cliff Floyd, Ty Wigginton and Richard Hidalgo homered off Jose Contreras, but the Mets made two errors that led to four unearned runs and failed to hold leads of 4-3 and 9-8

With the score 9-all in the bot-tom of the ninth, Tanyon Sturtze (3-1) walked Kaz Matsui, who had three hits. After Mike Piazza popped out, Floyd walked and Hidalgo was hit by a pitch. That brought up Spencer, whose two-run double in seventh put the Mets ahead 9-8

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# **Athletics strike for four** in ninth to topple Giants

Bonds within one of Henderson's record for walks

SAN FRANCISCO - Mark McLemore's tiebreaking RBI single sparked a four-run ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics beat the San Francisco Giants 6-2 on Saturday

Barry Bonds went 1-for-2 with two walks, snapping his streak of home runs in four straight games in which he had an at-bat. He has 119 walks this season and 2,189 for his career, one shy of Rickey

Henderson's

record. Damian Miller's RRI double tied it in the eighth for the

A's, who broke it open in the ninth against Matt Herges (4-3).

Duchscherer pitched two scoreless innings as Oakland beat its cross-bay rivals for the second time in five games this season.

Cardinals 8, Mariners 1: Jim Edmonds returned to the lineup with a home run and three RBIs, and Jason Marquis (8-4) pitched effectively before and after a 1-hour rain delay.

Albert Puiols hit a two-run

homer and Edmonds, making his first start in center field in eight days, went 2-for-3 Devil Rays 6, Marlins 1: Victor

Zambrano (9-4) gave up four hits in seven shutout innings and drove in his first career run

The visiting Devil Rays im-proved to 30-10 since May 20 and moved two games over .500 (40-38) for the first time since starting the 2002 season 3-1.

The Marlins have lost four straight and 11 of 15.

Reds 4, Indians 2: Paul Wilson won for the first time in more than a month and D'Angelo Jimenez hit a two-run homer. Wilson (8-2) held visiting Cleve-

land to two runs in 62/3 innings, allowing eight hits with six strikeouts and two walks, one intention-Danny Graves pitched a per-

fect ninth for his major league-leading 31st save in 38 opportunities

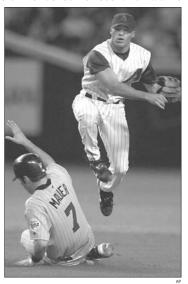
Phillies 7, Orioles 6: Pinch-hitter Tomas Perez hit an RBI single in the eighth inning.

David Bell's two-run homer off Jason Grimsley (3-5) tied it 6-6 in the eighth, and Perez delivered against B.J. Ryan.

Placido Polanco and Mike Lieberthal also homered for the NL East-leading Phillies, who im-proved to 4-2 in the midst of a season-high 14-game homestand.

Astros 10, Rangers 8: Morgan Ensberg hit a grand slam, and Mike Lamb and Raul Chavez each drove in two runs.

Alfonso Soriano and Gary Matthews Jr. both hit three-run homers in the fifth, giving the visiting Rangers a 6-1 lead before the As-



Arizona Diamondbacks second baseman Scott Hairston, right, leaps to avoid sliding Minnesota baserunner Joe Mauer and complete a double play in the fifth inning of Saturday night's game. The Twins won 8-4.

tros came back in the bottom of

Blue Jays 2, Expos 0: Roy Halladay showed his Cy Young form, pitching seven innings in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Eric Hinske went 4-for-4 and scored twice on RBI singles by Chris Gomez. Halladay (7-5), winner of the

AL Cy Young Award last year, allowed only five hits. He struck out six and walked one. Rockies 11. Tigers 6: Vinny

Castilla had three RBIs and Preston Wilson put an emphatic end to his slump with a two-run homer.

Castilla, who missed Friday's game while attending to a personal matter, was 2-for-4, leaving him two hits short of tying Jorge Orta (1.619) for most by a Mexican-born player.

Padres 5, Royals 4: Adam Eaton took a no-hit bid into the eighth inning, only to have visiting Kansas City rally for four runs in the eighth to tie it. Khalil Greene's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the inning won it for San Diego.

Twins 8, Diamondbacks 4: Doug Mientkiewicz drove in three runs with a home run and double. Mientkiewicz has just five homers all season, but two in the last two games.

Luis Rivas and Joe Mauer also homered for the visiting Twins and Terry Mulholland (1-3) earned his first victory in his first start of the season.

Dodgers 8, Angels 5: Adrian Beltre hit two of his team's four homers, and host Los Angeles scored in each of the first five in-

Eric Gagne, the fifth Dodgers pitcher, pitched a perfect ninth to extend his major league record for consecutive saves to 84, including 21 this season.

Pirates 5, Brewers 3: Randall Simon's opposite-field double drove in two runs to break a sixth-inning tie and host Pitts-

burgh won its eighth in a row. Jason Bay, coming off an eight-RBI performance in the sec-ond game of Friday's doublehead-

er, added an RBI single to help the Pirates win their ninth in 11 games since dropping 19 of 22.





# Rosales doesn't buckle under Open pressure

BY DOUG FERGUSON The Associated Press

SOUTH HADLEY Mass . bottle of nerves even when she's taking a nap, Jennifer Rosales belted a 3-iron and watched it climb the dangerous ridge on the 18th green until it safely stopped 18 feet from the hole. She slapped hands with her caddie and strolled up the fairway, a rare chance to exhale Saturday at the

Annika Sorenstam made a swift charge that would get anyone's attention.

U.S. Women's Open.

Michelle Wie fired up her legion of fans with shots beyond her years, rocking Orchards Golf Club with the kind of noise that cannot be ignored.

Rosales was never flustered, surging ahead with a 2-under 69 that gave her a three-shot lead over Sorenstam, Meg Mallon and Kelly Robbins at the biggest tournament in women's golf

"I was kind of nervous at the end a little bit," Rosales said. "It was more adrenalin. It was too strong, because I wanted to make birdies to have that cushion. But I'm pretty happy the way I ended

The real test is how she finishes it off. Rosales was at 7-under 206 and

has the outright 54-hole lead for

sure are the players chasing her three-time major winner Mallon with her in the final group; former LPGA champion Robbins and Sorenstam right in front of her.

"Annika is an awesome player," Rosales said. "She's going to try to win this bad. But I told myself, 'Jen, just try and play hard and never look back."

Wie was down, but still had an outside shot at becoming the youngest winner of a major. The 14-year-old from Hawaii

recovered from a poor front nine with an array of shots, the most impressive an 8-iron into 6 feet for birdie on the 439-yard 16th hole, the third-longest in Women's Open history.

But it all came undone on the 18th, when her drive bounced into the rough, her approach sailed into the gallery and she three-putted for double bogey and a 71 that left her at 1-under 212, in a tie for seventh with Pat Hurst and three others but still six shots behind Rosales

Wie has been in contention twice at the Kraft Nabisco Championship, but this major is differ-"Over here, you never know

what's going to happen," Wie said. One thing that never changes is Sorenstam in contention

The best player in women's

on the first four holes with a counle of hursts - back-to-back birdies to make the turn at even nar. then a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-5 13th and a shot out of the rough to 12 feet for birdie on the next hole.

Sorenstam wound up with a 70 and will play in the next-to-last

"I didn't get off to the start I wanted, but I kept grinding," Sorenstam said. "One under is pretty good at the U.S. Open on Satur-

Mallon, born in Massachusetts and beloved everywhere because of her infectious, freckle-faced smile, turned in the best round of the day with a 67 that put her at 209 and in the final group with Ro-

Sorenstam will play with Robbins, who briefly shared the lead with four birdies on the front nine

Rachel Teske (70) was at 210, while Michelle Ellis (72) was another stroke behind

Wie was among 11 players still under par, while 17-year-old Paula Creamer bogeved the last hole for a 72 that left her at even-par 213.

"It's a great mix of veterans, the No. 1 player in the world and players that want to be a profession some day," Mallon said. "It's going to be a fun day [Sunday]."



Jennifer Rosales, of the Philippines, reacts to sinking a birdie putt on the ninth hole that extended her lead during the third round of the U.S. Women's Open at The Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley. Mass.

Olympics.

## Ames, Hensby lead Western

LEMONT, Ill. - Stephen Ames shot a 7-under 64 for a share of the third-round lead in the Western Open with Mark Hens-Ames, from Trinidad and Tobago and

now living in Calgary, Alberta, matched



Hensby at 9-under 204 on Cog Hill's Dubs-dread Course. Hensby, from Australia, shot a bogey-free 67

Ames and Hensby hetter watch their backs, though, because Tiger Woods is making a move. A day after flirting with the cut, Woods rebounded with a 6-under

65 to pull within four shots of the lead. Geoff Ogilvy (68) is one stroke behind the leaders. Stuart Appleby (67) and second-round co-leader Steve Lowery (70) are tied for fourth at two strokes back.

Ames, whose best finish this year was third at the Colonial, closed his bogey-free round with birdies on his last four holes saving the best for last

He went from bunker-to-bunker with his second shot, leaving himself almost 50 feet from the pin. But he holed out, and the crowd yelled so loud it could be heard on the opposite side of the course. Ames raised his arms in triumph before climbing out of the trap.

Starting the day a stroke off the lead Hensby made three birdies on the front nine and a fourth on the par-5 15th to charge to the top.



Stephen Ames raises his arms in celebration as his shot from the hunker finds the hole on No. 18 in the Western Open.

He had to scramble on his last two holes to stay there, making two beautiful up-and-downs that had fellow Aussie and playing partner Ogilvy calling him "Seve

#### Pate on top in Long Island Classic

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. - Jerry Pate took a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Champions Tour's Long Island Classhooting a 4-under 66 for a 10-under 130 total Pate, the 1978 U.S. Open champion

whose PGA Tour career was cut short by a series of shoulder injuries, is in his first year on the tour for players 50 and older. Bobby Wadkins (68) was second, and Tom Jenkins (66) and Mike Hill (67) were

#### Goosen's lead trimmed to one shot STRAFFAN, Ireland - U.S. Open champ

Retief Goosen shot an even-par 72 to take a one-stroke lead in the European Open.

The South African star, ahead by two

strokes after two rounds, had a 9-under 207 total

## Report: Jones' ex-coach turned in THG steroid vial

SAN JOSE Calif - The former coach of three-time Olympic champion Marion Jones was the mystery man who gave anti-doping officials a used syringe filled with a new steroid, touching off the scandal now clouding preparations for the Athens Games, a newspaper reported Satur-

In a story posted on its Web site, the San Jose Mercury News said that five sources identified Trevor Graham as the coach who submitted a vial of the steroid THG to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency in June 2003. The newspaper said the sources spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Graham has been questioned by federal gents as part of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case which has led to indictments against four men and doping allegations against several top athletes - including Jones and baseball's Barry Bonds, both

of whom repeatedly have denied drug use Graham long has been suspected as the source of the vial that kick-started a probe of BALCO that already was under way at the time. USADA officials have said for months that a prominent track and field coach supplied them with the syringe and said it came from BALCO, but have refused to name that coach

## II.S. women blank Canada

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Heather Mitts scored off Mia Hamm's corner kick in the 73rd minute to give the U.S. Women's soc-

over Canada 1-0 on Saturday night.
The goal, Mitts' first briefs

international play, helped the United States improve to 3-0-1 on its six-game exhibition tour leading up to the Athens

#### Women's wrestling scrapped after Islamic protests

DHAKA Bangladesh - Bangladesh's first women's wrestling competition was called off moments before the start Sunday following threats from Muslim fundamentalists who termed the event "vulgar and in-

Some Islamic groups threatened to storm the venue to block the competition. which drew dozens of wrestlers from across Bangladesh.

Tabiur Rahman, general secretary of the Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation, announced the postponement but told The Associated Press, "we will organize it again in a few months time."

#### Camacho keeps title hopes alive BILOXI, Miss. - Hector Camacho unan-

imously outpointed Clint McNeil in a 10-round middleweight fight Saturday night to keep his world championship hones alive.

The 42-year-old Camacho (78-5-2) hopes to face WBO junior middleweight champion Daniel Santos.

# **Gordon tastes** sweet success in Pepsi 400

## Nextel Cup star posts back-to-back victories

BY MIKE HARRIS The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Jeff Gordon has that winning feeling again.

A week ago, it was nearly total domination on the road course at Sonoma. Saturday night, it was a powerful victory in the Pepsi 400 on Daytona International Speedway's big oval, a that has Gordon thinking about a fifth

NASCAR championship.

"Things are feeling pretty darn good right now," Gordon said. "What a way to get momentum and be strong week in and week out on totally different race tracks.

Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports team mate Jimmie Johnson finished 1-2, leaving the favored Dale Earnhardt Inc. duo of Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip — and everyone else behind.

'Wow! Wow! Wow!" Gordon said. "This is a big one. What an awesome show by Hendrick Motorsports.'

It was Gordon's second victory in a row. fourth of the season and 68th of his career. He also became the first driver to win this race

from the pole since Cale Yarborough in 1981 Gordon, who wound up leading a race-high 61 laps, gave series leader Johnson a lot of credit

"He gave me a push out there that no one else out there would have given me," Gordon said. "I owe this win to him and I owe him a push and the next time I'm going to give him

Gordon, already the leader among active Nextel Cup drivers in victories at Daytona and Talladega, the tracks where NASCAR requires horsenower-robbing carburetor restric tor plates to keep the cars under 200 mph came up with his eighth plate victory and second in a row

Talladega in April, Earnhardt, considered by many the guy to beat in every plate race, was mounting a late challenge to Gordon when a caution flag with three laps remaining gave Gordon the victory, bringing a wave of beer cans and seat cushions raining down on the track from unhappy Earnhardt fans.

This time, there was little question. Every time he got behind, Gordon was able to work his way back to the lead, while Earnhardt came up short at the end.

Left: Jeff Gordon and his team celebrate after Gordon won the Pensi 400 Saturday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. It was the four-time NASCAR champion's second straight Nextel Cup victory. Below: Dale Earnhardt Jr. drives through water in the infield after being forced off pit road after a stop. Earnhardt recovered to finish third in a race that was delayed at the start for two hours by rain.



With Johnson, whose car Gordon owns, giving him a solid push, Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet took the lead for the final time on the 154th of 160 laps on the 21/2-mile oval, passing Tony Stewart and pulling away.

It finished with Johnson 0.143 seconds about two car-lengths - behind, followed by Earnhardt, Kurt Busch, Stewart, Mark Martin, Bobby Labonte and two more Hendrick drivers, Terry Labonte and rookie Brian Vickers.

Waltrip, who combined with Earnhardt to win five of the previous seven Cup races at Daytona, dominated early, leading five times for 57 laps, but fought an ill-handling car and wound up 13th. Stewart, who was fined \$50,000 earlier in

the week for hitting Vickers in a postrace altercation last Sunday at Sonoma, was nowhere near the lead until late in the race. He took the

top spot on the last series of pit stops when his Joe Gibbs Racing team put on only two tires while the other leaders took four

Earnhardt, who had a slow stop and had fallen to eighth, got all the way to second on lap 149 before slipping back into the pack again Meanwhile, Gordon and Johnson hooked up and went after Stewart, moving past him east ly 17 laps from the end.

Johnson, with Earnhardt looming in his mirrors, tried to make a move on Gordon, but couldn't catch him.

"Jeff's on his game and he knows how to do this plate racing," said Johnson, who hurt his chances of a victory when he slid through his pit on his last stop and nearly slid into the pit

Johnson came out of the race with the same 27-point lead over Earnhardt he had going in. Gordon is third, 232 points back. Pepsi 400

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Saturday At Daytona International Speed Daytona Beach, Fla. Lap length: 2.5 miles (Start position in parenthese I. (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet

2. (19) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 160, \$193,125. Dale Farnhardt Ir., Chevrolet, 160. (5) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 160, \$196,528.
 (35) Kurt Busch, Ford, 160, \$142,625.
 (17) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 160. \$149,628. 6. (21) Mark Martin, Ford, 160, \$108,375. 7. (15) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet. 160. \$135,658.

8. (10) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 160, \$119,500. 9. (14) Brian Vickers #, Chevrolet, 160, \$99,050. \$99,050. 10. (6) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 160, \$114,625. 625. (24) Casev Mears, Dodge, 160. 11. (24) Casey Mears, Dodge, 160, \$101,575. 12. (13) Ryan Newman, Dodge, 160, \$126,742. 13. (2) Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet, 160, \$118,331. 14. (11) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 160, \$118.303

15. (23) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, 160, \$90,775.

\$109,862, 20. (22) Sterling Marlin, Dodge, 160, \$112,575. 21. (7) Scott Riggs #, Chevrolet, 160, \$101,987. 22. (16) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 160, 23. (26) Jeff Burton, Ford, 160, \$109,642. 24. (33) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 160, \$85,075. 25. (31) Kasey Kahne #, Dodge, 160

\$103,700. 26. (39) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 160, \$109,208. 27. (27) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 160, 27. (27) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 160, \$113.158. 28. (20) Kerry Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 160, \$68,700. 29. (40) ilmmy Spencer, Chevrolet, 159, \$71.575. 30. (30) Jeff Green, Dodge, 159, \$88,050. 31. (9) Greg Biffle, Ford 159, \$79,125. 32. (37) Scott Wimmer #, Dodge, 159, \$86,889.

33. (43) Morgan Shepherd, Dodge, 157. \$68.800 34. (42) Larry Gunselman, Ford, 156, \$67,750. 35. (29) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 151, \$67,615.

36, (12) Brendan Gaughan #, Dodge, 136, \$75,450. 136, \$75,450.
37. (32) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 126, oil ieak, \$75,300.
38. (38) Ricky Craven, Chevrolet, 121, \$75,150.
39. (36) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 110, acci-dent, \$117,803.
40. (6) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 84, dent, 3111 40. (8) Ward Burton, Uneviole., \$66,875. 41. (41) Mike Wallace, Dodge, 77, sus-pension, \$66,750.

41. (43) Miles oranace, bodge, 71, 343–42. (28) Bobby Hamilton Jr., bodge, 71, accident, \$66,640.
43. (19) John Andretti, Chevrolet, 44, accident, \$66,749.

Time of race: 2 hours, 45 minutes, 23

seconds.
Margin o'victory: 0.143 seconds,
Winner's average speed: 145.117 mph.
Caution flags: Five for 25 laps,
Lead changes: 21 among 10 drivers.
Lap leaders: J.Gordon 1-9; M.Waltrip
10-19; K.Kahne 20; M.Waltrip 21-45;
D.Earnhardt V. 46; R.Newman 47; M.WalLide 73; M.Shepherd 74; LGordon 7-58;
LGordon 7-58; LGordon 7-58; iače 73; M.Shepherd 74; J.Gordon 75-85; M.Waltrip 86-9; LGordon 9-107; M.Waltrip 106-109; D.Earmhardt Jr. 110-112; J.Gordon 11-317; D.Earmhardt Jr. 18; C.Mears 139; D.Blaney 140; R.Newman 141; T.Stewart 142-153; J.Gordon 154-160; MASCAR Nextel Cup Series standings: 1. JJohnson, 2-545; D. Barnhardt Jr. 2518, 3. J.Gordon, 2-313, 4. T.Stewart, 2-203; 5. M.Kenseth, 2,188, 6. B. Labontte.

2,164. 7. K.Busch, 2,153. 8. E.Sadler, 2,152. 9. R.Newman, 2,112. 10. K.Harvick, 2,095.

## IRL's Rice edges Miera by razor-thin margin in Kansas so of Spain, managed to end Ferra-

KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Buddy Rice nicked up his second Indy Racing League victory of the year Sunday, beating Vitor Meira by the second-closest margin in IRL history.

Just .0052 seconds separated the two Rahal Letterman Racing teammates at Kansas Speedway The only IRL race that was closer was at Chicagoland in 2002 when Sam Hornish Jr. beat Al Unser Jr by 0024

Rice, the Indianapolis 500 winner and Sunday's pole-sitter, narrowly lost the lead to Meira going into the last lap of the 200-lap Argent Mortgage Indy 300 — with IRL points leader Tony Kanaan lurking just behind, looking for an opening.

## Racing roundup

With Rice inside and Meira outside, Kanaan never got a chance. Dario Franchitti was fourth, followed in the top 10 by Bryan Herta, Adrian Fernandez, Helio Castroneves, Hornish, Dan Wheldon and Alex Barron

#### Schumacher wins French GP

MAGNY COURS, France -Michael Schumacher won the French Grand Prix on Sunday for his ninth victory in 10 Formula One races this season, holding off a strong challenge by the Renault

Renault, led by Fernando Alon-

ri's string of three straight 1-2 finishes. Alonso, a rising Formula One star, held the pole position and was runner-up, 8.3 seconds behind. Schumacher's Brazilian team-

mate Rubens Barrichello, despite starting from the 10th position, passed Renault's Jarno Trulli of Italy on the final lap to place third

This was Schumacher seventh victory in the French GP and 79th in his Formula One career. The German has 90 points for the sea son and Barrichello is second

**Edwards** comes back from early crash, wins truck race KANSAS CITY, Kan. - Carl Edwards came back from a first-lap accident Saturday to win the Craftsman Truck Series race at Kansas Speedway, his second victory of the season Edwards' Ford failed inspec-

tion after the O'Reilly Auto Parts 250 because it did not meet the minimum height requirement. NASCAR confiscated some parts of the truck and planned to return them to its research and development center in North Carolina.

Points leader Dennis Setzer never recovered from another early crash in the most caution-filled trucks race in the track's four-year history.

He finished 25th and his lead over Edwards in the standings dropped from 131 points to 34, with Bobby Hamilton 61 points off the lead after his second-place finish Saturday.

## Bourdais dodges trouble, defends Cleveland GP title

CLEVELAND - Sebastien Bourdais took the lead after a first-lap crash in Turn 1 that knocked out polesitter Paul Tracy, then ran away to win his second straight Cleveland Grand Prix on Saturday.

After avoiding a chain-reaction accident just seconds into the race involving Alex Tagliani and others, Bourdais dominated to win by 15.130 seconds over Bruno Junqueira, his Newman-Haas teammate.

It was Rourdais' third victory in five Champ Car events this season. Tagliani finished third, 27,584 seconds back.

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# **Twice as nice**



Gordon wins at Daytona with help from teammate



Rosales builds three-shot lead in U.S. Open

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Defending champion Roger Federer, reacts at match point against Andy Roddick in the Wimbledon final on the Centre Court Sunday. Federer won the match 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4 to retain the title. Federer is the first men's player to repeat as champion since Pete Sampras in 2000.

## Federer holds off Roddick to defend Wimbledon title



Andy Roddick tries to play a return to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final on Sunday.

BY STEPHEN WILSON The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Roger Federer overcame Andy Roddick's brute power game Sunday to win his second straight Wimbledon title and cement his status as the game's No. 1 player.

The top-seeded Swiss star withstood Roddick's huge serves and forehand winners, winning 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), 6-4 for his third Grand Slam title and 24th consecutive victory on grass.

Federer came from a break down at 2.4 in the third set and took charge by playing a brilliant third-set tiebreaker. He sawed six break points in the fourth set, broke Roddick at love in the seventh game and finished the match with his 12th ace.

When his final 124 mph serve flew past Roddick, Federer dropped to his knees at the baseline and arched his body all the way onto his back. He got up and smacked a ball into the crowd. Roddick came around the net and the players hugged. Federer appeared to be in tears as he sat on his courtside chair.

After receiving the trophy from the Duke of Kent, Federer kissed it and raised it over his head to a huge ovation from the Centre Court crowd.

"It is an unbelievable feeling," Federer said. "It's still difficult to believe it but I'm definitely enjoying this moment as much as I

can."
Turning to Roddick, he said,
"He played very, very aggressive.
I got surprised but everybody
knows his power. I got lucky
today for sure, because I was
down one set all and a break, and
if Andy would maybe serve a few
good games he would be up two
sets to one.

"He also deserves this title, so I hope in the future we're going to play many more times at this

It was Federer's third win in three Grand Slam finals. He won the Australian Open in February. "I kind of like it — the 100 percent record in Grand Slams," he said. "These are the ones that really, really count. Grand Slam tournaments put you just a set higher. To have won my favorite tournament already twice in my career

is incredible."
Roddick, the U.S. Open champion, gave Federer full credit.

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"Roger just played to good
today," he said. "I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the
bathroom and got a tub. It's definitely tough losing, but I feel good
in myself that I left everything
out there. Roger is a great champion and hopefully we'll get to do
this again sometime."

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